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WHAT THE COQUETTE SAID.

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BY GEORGE BIRDSEYE.

All is over! Now go and forget!
I thought that I loved;
Oh! would that we never had met,
Or our meeting had kinder proved.

It was fancy, and fancy alone;
New faces have charms,
And I courted your smiles for my own,
And I longed to be clasped in your arms.

First you told me you loved: I was cold;
Then you worshipped, revered;
I grew warmer as you grew more bold,
Till, at last—well, I loved you, I feared.

I remember I told you one night
That I loved you, and more,
But did not tell, to mar your delight,
That I'd told the same tale oft before.

To be loved above all of my sex
I felt flattered—no more;
You should have been warned by the wrecks
Of the hearts I had strangled before!

I awoke, and I found I had been
All along self-deceived.
You, too, I deceived—was that sin?
I am sorry you dared have believed.

It is over! Now go and forget!
If I can, cannot you?
A new love best can cure your regret;
I have tried it. Go, do as I do!

THE BORGIA'S KISS.

WRITTEN FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER
BY NATHAN D. ERNER.

"Be careful how you come down the steps, signor. There! This is the little garden."

I looked about me. It was a narrow, neglected spot, containing some unkempt almond trees, and surrounded by high, mouldering walls on three sides, with the ruinous little house we had just been traversing on the left. Through one of these walls a small gate had once opened into the deserted street, thus affording ingress through the garden to the foot of the stone steps we had just descended. An aperture directly opposite showed where another gate had been, giving entrance to the lordly adjoining garden of the Biseglia palace.

"Where were the bodies usually buried?" I asked.
"It is hard to say—anywhere and everywhere among these plots, perhaps. The signors were all assassinated in one place, however—right there at the foot of the staircase, the lady looking on from the lattice just above."

I shuddered, and presently, after paying the fellow his fee, departed; turning once, however, in my morbid curiosity to bestow a last glance on the garden wall and the facade of the unpretentious little ruin, with its lattice and balcony looking up and down the time-depopulated street.

It was in Rome, and I was but one of many hundreds who yearly visited the spot, lured thither by a curiosity as morbid as my own.

Why? Because the beautiful but infamous Lucrezia Borgia had, at a certain stage of her career, made use of that little house and garden for the prosecution of some of her adventures.

After her separation from her first husband, the Lord of Pesaro, by order of the Pope, her father, Alexander VI, in 1497, Lucrezia, already renowned as the most beautiful and dangerous woman in southern Europe, married Alfonso, Duke of Biseglia. This unfortunate nobleman fell under the displeasure of Cesare Borgia, Lucrezia's powerful elder brother, by whose order he was assassinated two years later. Cesare then seized upon his victim's palace, the bereaved duchess continuing to reside therein with that *sacris-vires* so agreeable in consonance with the spirit of her age.

Between this period and her marriage with her third husband, Alfonso d'Este, Duke of Ferrara, in 1501, Lucrezia, while entertaining by day the brilliant assemblages of nobles, scholars, philosophers, poets and artists that her wit and beauty attracted to her palace, of which her Machiavellian brother had made himself the master, devoted many of her evenings to the gratification of her unbridled thirst for adventure with the opposite sex.

For this purpose she had erected the little house whose ruins I had just visited. The narrow street on which it fronted was even then a lonely one, and much in request by the gallants of the day as a place of rendezvous with their innamoratas of the lower orders.

Accompanied by a single waiting-woman, it was the custom of the fair Duchess of Biseglia to keep watch from her balcony overlooking the street until she marked the approach of some gentleman whose figure and carriage pleased her. Signals were exchanged, after which, through the instrumentality of the waiting-woman, the unsuspecting cavalier was conducted through the garden and little courtyard, and thence up the stone staircase into the arms of the unknown beauty whose imagination he had been so unfortunate as to fascinate for the time being. The room in which the interview took place was furnished with oriental luxuriance, and lighted sufficiently for him to perceive the extraordinary beauty of his entertainer. The latter would not infrequently make known her real name and position, the more surely to stimulate the ardor of her guest, though this was not always the case.

She might have done so, however, in every instance with perfect safety, for there was no danger to her of the favor she was bestowing ever becoming the after-vant of the recipient. The kiss of Lucrezia Borgia was more than tigrish. She devoured what she loved—the object of her caresses invariably became her prey.

Four of her servants, assassins in her pay, were ever in concealment near the foot of the staircase. The unfortunate man-about-town who entered those precincts, in obedience to the white-rimmed signal fluttering from the street lattice, was thenceforward numbered among the mysteriously disappeared. He descended the stone steps but to be suddenly pierced to death by secret stilettes bristling out of the

SCENE FROM "THE LIGHTS O' LONDON."



"O cruel lamps of London, if but your light could dawn,
Your victims' eyes would weep them, O lights of London town!"

shadows, and his unmounted grave was hurriedly scooped out and filled up in some untenanted corner of the adjoining garden.

At last the mysterious disappearances had become so numerous as to excite a sort of panic among the better families in Rome, and suspicion fell upon the Borgias, to whom were attributed, in one form or another, pretty much all the underhanded villainies then in vogue. The Pope, on being appealed to, could do nothing, being really ignorant of the cause. Cesare, however, who was in his sister's secret, took occasion to mildly remonstrate with her in private.

"Manage your own caprices, fratello, and leave me to manage mine," replied the mediæval Messalina coldly; adding, after a pause: "I have told you before that, if you would permit the presence of our younger brother, Giovanni, in Rome, I would give up these little amusements of mine, and even think seriously of marrying the Duke of Ferrara, according to your wish."

Giovanni Borgia, the young Duke of Gandia, was only four years younger than Lucrezia, and in their childhood they had been passionately devoted to each other; but for fifteen years—indeed, since his fourteenth year—the young Duke had secluded himself upon his distant estate, not daring to come to Rome, at least openly, for fear of falling a victim to his elder brother's murderous rapacity.

"That is not to be thought of, my sister; Gandia is well enough where he is," said Cesare, with a languid laugh. "However," he added, more thoughtfully, "if you were no longer concerned about Giovanni's absence, would you then consent to give up the little house and garden on the back street?"

"Yes; willingly, gladly!"
"Ah, then, but I merely meant to try you. Go on with your little amusement, duchess. Graves were made to be tenanted, and doubtless the little garden is hardly yet full of them."

Disappointed and embittered, but not daring to demur, Lucrezia had after that pursued her terrible amusement with more zest and recklessness than ever.

On a beautiful moonlight night, about a fortnight after the above conversation, the Duchess de Biseglia, on the lookout from her private balcony, espied a singularly noble-looking young cavalier sauntering down the otherwise deserted street, evidently in search of soft adventure.

Her customary signal was fluttered from the lattice. It consisted of a lace-handkerchief, waved by a jeweled hand, and an exquisitely-molded arm as white as alabaster, thrust out as far as the elbow into the moonlight. The youth responded with enthusiasm, and was presently guided by the waiting-woman through the garden and up the staircase into the lady's presence. Little dreaming of the price he was to pay for it, he drank deep of the fatal cup of endearments that was proffered so enchantingly; while the Duchess, on her part, wished to know more of the Apollonian stranger. But the youth proved fully as reticent as she, and further than that he belonged to a powerful family, and was merely in Rome for a few days; she could induce him to say but little of himself. At last the hour for separation arrived. Little did the youth dream of the meaning of that last languid kiss of farewell that she was giving him at the top of the staircase, or of the half-regretful sigh with which she withdrew from his parting embrace as he turned to descend the steps. A moment later, he was simultaneously attacked by the four concealed bravos. But, before succumbing to their assault, he offered a tremendous resistance.

"Oh, hounds, vipers!" he cried, whipping out his sword, and killing one of his assailants while seriously wounding another. "Are ye, then, in my brother's pay? A Gandia! a Gandia to the rescue!"

"Hold!" suddenly shrieked Lucrezia from above, and she bounded down the staircase in an excess of horror. "It is Giovanni, my brother! Hold—on your lives!"

But she was too late. The hired stilettes had done their

work before she could reach the lower step—almost before the words began to vibrate upon her lips. The victim, however, had heard her, and he understood all.

Pale and bloody, with his bosom pierced in many places, and his sword lying broken at his feet, he turned upon her a look of horror and detestation such as curdled the blood even in her serpent veins, and solemnly lifted up his quivering hands in the invocation of a voiceless curse.

"God of Heaven!" he at last ejaculated, swaying feebly to and fro, "my own sister? It was the Borgia's kiss, as deadly as the Borgia's hate!"

He then fell dead at the appalled Lucrezia's feet.

The two ruffians remaining unhurt stooped to carry away the form and dispose of it in the shallow grave that had already been dug at the foot of one of the almond trees.

"Away!" screamed the wretched woman, and she cast herself upon the corpse, moaning calling upon the name of him whose lips could never more respond to kiss, or sigh, or cooling syllable of love, forbidden or permitted.

"Tarry here till I return," she at length said to her followers as she arose, white and desperate; and then, rushing through the gateway into the adjoining garden, she sought her brother in the palace. He had parted from some guests shortly before, and was sitting alone in the antique library that adjoined the fine picture-gallery in the Biseglia palace and is still exhibited with pride to visiting strangers.

He displayed no emotion when the Duchess suddenly rushed into his presence, white, disheveled, and almost with the aspect of a mad woman.

"Well?" he inquired with a calm, cynical look.

"Giovanni—our brother!" she burst forth, and then, amid her sobs and moans, she brokenly stated what had chanced.

Cesare Borgia broke into a hard laugh.

"Tis well! your passions but wrought out the promptings of my cooler reason," said he with a sneer. "Remember, this is to be the last of your peculiar love-making at the little house and garden on the back street."

"Heavens! what mean you?"

"Remember your promise—to give up these amusements in case you should be no longer concerned about Giovanni's absence from Rome. Corpo Del Baccho! it seems that he is at last, thanks to my foresight, beyond the concern of any one."

"You—you do not mean that you contrived this?" shrieked the Duchess.

"Indeed, I do! Pah! I could not very well destroy my own flesh and blood, unnecessary as he had become. I merely prompted Fate by having him sent down the little staircase when you were on the watch, knowing that you would never recognize him after these years. Ah!"

Before he had ceased speaking, Lucrezia swooned at his feet.

The next day the body of the young Duke of Gandia was found floating in the Tiber, with nine poniard-thrusts in his breast. Cesare is historically suspected of having procured his assassination. So he did procure it, some Italians think, but in a less direct way than is generally supposed.

"Sir," said a fierce lawyer, "do you, on your solemn oath, swear that this is not your handwriting?" "I reckon not," was the cool reply. "Does it resemble your writing?" "Yes, sir, I think it don't." "Do you swear that it don't resemble your writing?" "Well, I do, old heat." "You take your solemn oath that this writing does not resemble yours in a single letter?" "Y-e-s, sir." "Now, how do you know?" "Cause I can't write."

A MAN in Sacramento read on a sign: "Oysters in every style for twenty-five cents;" so he went in and had a raw fry, stew, pan roast, and fancy roast, and when he got through he put down a quarter, saying to the astonished caterer: "That's what your sign says."

ONLY.

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Only a tree, und vere dot growed
Vas right longside of der school-house road.
Only a abble, und on dot tree
Dot hung so green as dot kin be.
Only a kid, und he shied dot abble,
Und mit shdones und dings pagen to grabble.
Only a gopple, und dot abble flew
Indo a blace vere dot didn't grew.
Only a gramp, und it shdruck dot kid
Right in der shbot vere dot fruit vas hid.
Only a bears, und dot shkidbed away
Mit a coffin in vich dot kid vas lay.
Only a sexdon, und he shnaks around,
Drobbling green abbles for kids to found.
COPYT GOOFT.

THE TRUE STORY OF CASSIOPEIA.

WRITTEN FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER,
BY CHARLEY RUSSELL.

It has always been supposed that Cassiopeia was the wife of Cepheus, King of Ethiopia, but since the discovery of some ancient documents in a cellar on Baxter street, scientists are able to knock Greek mythology on the head. Without doubt, Miss Cassiopeia was of Irish extraction. The name of her uncle is sufficient proof. She was the niece of Orion, who presented her with a beautiful wax *Dolphin* she attained her tenth birthday. Cassio was left an orphan at the tender age of six years. After her *Mars* death she resided with her *Astares*, a *Crab-bed* old gal, who had decided that some day Cassio should be led to the *Altar* by her *Sun Arise*, who was known at home and among his intimate friends as "Ari." *Ari*'s beef rare, and when he asked his sister to "pass the *Pices*," she generally obeyed with alacrity. Now, Cassio never had liked *Ari*—in fact, couldn't *hear* him since the night he asked her if he might "*Meteor* by *Moonlight* alone." She declined, and her declination has been known to astronomers for *Centaur*-ya. He insisted, but she only elevated her pretty little nose and said: "I am not afraid *Ophiuchus* you. *Ari* had been a corporal in the home guards, but was reduced to the ranks for trying to *Canis Major*. When Cassio had seen nineteen Summers, she became acquainted with *Aidebaras*, a member of a local minstrel troupe. They became friends, and their friendship soon ripened into love. When he could no longer *Hyades* affection for her, he went to her to *Pleiades* case.

"Canst thou be mine?" said he in *Sirius* tones.
She quickly replied:
"I *Cancer*."

"Then let's *Cetus* in the *Libra*-ry," said he, "and name the wedding-day."

Now, the course of true love ran no smoother in those days than it runs in the present. Cassio's aunt was terribly enraged when she heard of the engagement. She *Cassio*-self on her knees, and swore, "*By Gemini*," that the nuptials should never take place. But the lovers continued to meet clandestinely. One soft Summer evening, when Cassio *Saturn* her lover's knee, she whispered:

"*Hydra*-ther *Dragon* through life an old maid—aye, *star-ve*—than marry *Ari*. He can't *Comet* over me, and, *Algoi* darn it, I won't marry him anyhow—so now!"

"I *Suez*," said he, "if we can *Pisces*, let's elope."

"If aunt caught us, she'd *Taurus* to pieces," she tremblingly replied.

"Yes," said he; "but if she catches us I'm a *Lyre*. Let's *Goat* once. I can *Pegasus*-tenance for us from my profession."

They flew that night. Al soon became a star, and in good time Cassio was surrounded by a family of small stars. And still they star.

"THE LIGHTS O' LONDON."

a drama by George R. Sims, which was produced at the Princess Theatre, London, Eng., Sept. 10, and which has achieved great success, is shortly to be produced in this city. In announcing its original production the following appeared:

The way was long and weary,
But gallantly they strode,
A country lad and lassie,
Along the heavy road.
The night was dark and stormy,
But blithe of heart were they,
For shining in the distance
The Lights of London lay.

O gleaming lamps of London, that gem the city's crown!
What fortunes lie within you, O lights of London town!

With faces worn and weary,
That told of sorrow's load,
One day a man and woman
Crept down a country road;
They sought their native village,
Heart-broken from the fray;
Yet shining still behind them
The Lights of London lay.

O cruel lamps of London, if but your light could dawn,
Your victims' eyes would weep them, O lights of London town!

This is the keynote of the piece, and our artist has illustrated it. The story of the plot was published in THE CLIPPER of Oct. 19 last.

The rising of the curtain gives a view of Armitage Hall and its beautiful grounds adjacent, and the interest of the story at once commences. Harold Armitage, who is the heir, has, it appears, incurred the displeasure of his father—has been banished his home, and has lost his chance of inheritance, the estates being now intended for his cousin, Clifford Armitage. He has been to London seeking a livelihood, taking with him *Bess Marks*, the gentle daughter of the old lodge-keeper, whom he dearly loves, and whom he has secretly made his wife. Fortune has been unkind to him, and now, with starvation staring him in the face, he has come back with his young wife, resolved for her sake to humble himself, and to ask of his traitor parent the means to leave the country.

WILLIAM F. GALL, BUSINESS-MANAGER.

WRITTEN FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER.
BY FRANK D. T. DECKER.

In answer to an advertisement in THE CLIPPER for a business-manager for a new theatre about to open, I was among a number of applicants for the position; but a rather seedy-looking personage, presenting a dilapidated card bearing the foregoing address, was first to obtain audience with the advertiser. I chanced to occupy a chair near the open door of the manager's private office, and overheard the interview, which I give you in substance as follows:

You're startin' a theatre. Never been in the biz before? I'm just the "duck" you want—I'm business-manager to the And listen, pard—do yer hear? I know everyone in the business that's "queer."

I'm solid wid every artist in de land; Dey won't work for anyone but me, understand! How is it I'm out of an engagement now? Easily explained: I wouldn't accept "sal"—that's how. The idea of tryin' to spring "yaller" salary on me! I'm a bang-up artist—you bet dat's what I be. Now, don't say no, for you can't run a show without me. As business-manager of de concern, do you see? It's settled, so I'll begin by bookin' de best in de "perfesh." My name? It's William Fresh. Gall. But don't call me Fresh. For short—call me Bill—it's a popular name. No, I'm not Gillmore of Philadelphia fame. Do you notice how many "Bills" there is in de "perfeshin"? And dey's all way up, and are still progressin'. All my "ticular friends—I gave 'em their starts; But don't give it away, or you'll break their hearts. Dere's Bill Emmett, Buffalo Bill and Billy Harris—We're going to spend next summer together in Paris. Den dere's Billy Rice, Billy Cameron, and Billy till you can't. And you bet your porous plaster dey're all de best. (rest.) Why, de first in de biz was Bill Shakespeare. He's dead. Never heard of it? That's queer. But let's get back to de books—we ain't got much time. Don't worry—when de gang hears I'm here, dey'll climb. Who'll we put at de head of de bill? It must be a big card. I'd better put myself—I'm used to bein' starred. Den next Charley Diamond—he'll take a push; After him de Specialty Trio, the Reeses and Irwin T. Bush. Won't Bush laugh with joy when he knows I'm here! He'll come on de first train—dat's what I fear. Den I'll put in de Horseshoe Four. Cull, how'll it look? Dey're simply great when Quinlan opens his bag-book. Now, de American and Comely Four dey're grand. Also de Irwin Sisters and de Four-in-hand. Den Andy Leavitt Jr. will sneak in with his speech—Oh, he's got "enchanted galls" enough to make 'em screech! Followed by Crandall and Eastwood and Lamont and Ducrow. Den dere's George Kaine—she's sure to "go"—Leonzo the juggler and Miss Minnie Farrell. The Morello Brothers, Fedanio and old John Carroll. Rice and Barton I came near leavin' out. And de Le Petros are sure to make 'em shout. Last we'll run in de Hayles—Lon and Willie. Dere's an olio dat'll just knock 'em silly! Now I'll close the show with something lively and quick: I have it—let it be the great "Muldoon's Picnic." Dere, "Rube," is a bill dat'll knock 'em crazy. Why, ask any "guy"—he'll tell you it's daisy. You open next Monday? I'll telegraph de gang. And don't forget my old friend Joe Lang. Big wages for 'em? Salary, you mean. Why, cull, you're a "gawk"—you're so green. What's that you say—you ain't got any money? Wanted to hire a manager with plenty? That's funny! Well, you beat de duck for gall, you do—You're too fresh, entirely fresh—entirely fresh. I've wasted my breath for a whole hour. Why, you're worse than stale beer after it's sour. Me got money? I ain't seen a cent in a year; I have to hit free-lunch every morning without beer! I'll just crawl out and leave you here alone. And may you reap de whirlwinds from de seeds you've sown!

THE BRAND OF CAIN.

TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH OF FORTOTO DU ROISBOREY FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER.
BY COL. THOMAS PICTON.

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CHAPTER XVIII.—CONTINUED.

A reply was unnecessary, and Noridet was constrained, much against his inclination, to take refuge beneath the arbor at the risk of being seen by Aurora. He closed behind him the glazed door, and sheltered himself as best he could beneath the yellow leaves still covering the trellis-work. In this wise ambushed he awaited, heart in his mouth and with watchful eyes. Whoever might be the visitor, his arrival was most inopportune, and, moreover, Noridet anticipated a police raid. He clearly remembered his conversation with the Commissary, and this impetuous "tinging of the bell" suggested the appearance of magisterial authority. That which the racial more particularly dreaded was the thought of being caught in his own trap. The insinuations he had yesterday thrown out concerning Bernard were already bearing fruit, and the ingenious delays during his interview with Louise were working to his disadvantage. He bitterly regretted not having accepted the casket when it was first tendered him by the girl, and thought with anger that, had he hurried her a trifle, he would have had full time to have carried it off and to have burned its contents. But it was too late to mend matters, and, preparing for all emergencies, he contented himself with listening. The suit of apartments was very small, and he distinctly heard the tread of the girl crossing the first room. Consequently, he anticipated overhearing the entire conversation occurring with the unknown visitor, and hence thought it an excellent opportunity for gathering advantageous information. The entrance door opened at the instant of the bell's ringing for a third time, and there were simultaneously uttered cries of joy and surprise:

"Louise!"
"Fortoto!"

These two names, uttered in tones of superlative happiness, reached Noridet's ears, and he stood as if turned to stone. A thunderbolt falling at his feet would not have demoralized him more than the mulatto's unexpected return—to him disastrous in the extreme, as the former police-agent would not fail to sever the meshes of the net he had so laboriously woven and thoroughly expose his studied falsehoods. After a few moments of astonishment, Noridet conceived an idea of rushing upon the lovers and of killing both; yet in broad daylight, and in a house inhabited like this one, it would prove a reckless adventure. Preferable was it to listen and ascertain the turn of the conversation. He was ignorant of Fortoto's acts since his departure, and a single remark from the mulatto might reveal something valuable to his interests. Louise, moreover, in no wise suspected Noridet, and her initial inquiries of her lover should evoke significant answers. It was necessary not to lose a solitary word, and Noridet was gifted with fine hearing.

"Alive!" exclaimed the girl. "Still alive! Ah! I have wept sadly for you, for I thought you dead."
"But you, Louise," responded Fortoto, "what have you been doing alone, abandoned, penniless, and with a sick father?"

Noridet heard a sob.
"What has happened, then?" inquired Fortoto in a voice expressive of his uneasiness. "Where is he—where is Monsieur Bernard?"

"Father lives, yet there are misfortunes worse than death."
"What say you?"

"You will know too soon," said Louise more firmly. And she added in a reproachful manner: "Why have you not written?"

"It was impossible. I was in prison, accused of having murdered the Count d'Alcamo, and I escaped through a miracle."
"Accused! Imprisoned! you too!" exclaimed the girl in consternation.

Noridet understood very well, and he blessed his position as a spy, inasmuch as he had seized upon an important detail. Fortoto would go on to state how he escaped, and consequently must be interested in concealing himself. From a fugitive nothing was to be feared,

and hence the first disclosures upon Fortoto's return supplied the assassin with an arm he preserved for later use.

"I will explain all that, mademoiselle," rapidly said the mulatto, "but at this moment we have not a minute to lose. You have forbidden me to come to your house, and I would not have dared to enter it had danger not been so pressing."

"Danger!" repeated Louise.
"Yes, a terrible danger for you, your father, and for me. The Count's enemy is more to be dreaded than ever, and you cannot remain here a day, nor even an hour longer."

"What! you want —"
"You must leave, you must follow me, and we must place in security that casket, which is the safeguard of us all. The man once attempting its robbery will not recoil from assassination to wrest it from you."

The girl, deeply agitated, preserved silence.
"You have kept the trust, have you not, Louise?" inquired Fortoto tremulously.

Noridet, drinking in every word, grew livid.
"Yes, I have kept it," replied Mademoiselle Bernard proudly, "and I understood so well its importance that I was about to transfer it to safer hands."

"We are saved, since you have it still," interrupted Fortoto; "and now, Louise, listen to me in the name of your father, in the name of the Count d'Alcamo."
Noridet trembled and redoubled his attention.

"Swear that you will do what I ask of you," resumed the mulatto with firmness.
"I swear, because I am sure that you will say nothing your betrothed cannot understand," said the girl seriously.

"Thanks for your confidence," continued Fortoto, "and I will conduct you to those who alone can receive and defend you."
"Explain, for my head swims," murmured Louise in tribulation.

"You will understand me. As long as our enemy can be upon the track of you, he will pursue you relentlessly, and his animosity will not die until he obtains possession of that casket. To escape him it behooves you to disappear as if within the grave."

"And after quitting this house," said the girl sadly, shaking her head, "think you I will then be in safety?"
"You will be safe, and this is what you will have to do. There is no use in seeking other lodgings, where you will be discovered, as probably you have been here. I will go out alone and await you in a carriage in front of the Chateau Rouge. Half an hour after my leaving you, with the casket beneath your shawl you will follow, after telling the portress that you are going out upon an errand near by. She did not see me when passing the lodge, and suspects nothing. You will join me, and we will start together, never for you to return here again."

"Listen, Fortoto. I well know that you would not deceive me, and I am ready to follow you; but you must know that my father has lost his senses, that he has been arrested upon suspicion —"

"Of some crime? Great Heaven!" exclaimed the mulatto in amazement.
"Yes," replied the girl. "It is pretended that he quitted the Chateau de Monville upon the very day of the Count's death. He has been watched and spied over, and who knows but that I myself may have been suspected? When you rang I trembled at fear of seeing the police enter."

"And you hesitate to leave this house?"
"Those without anything for which to reproach themselves have no need for flight, and, come what may, I desire to go and see father."

"I promise upon my honor that you shall see him, and the protection shielding us all will be able to defend him."
Louise remained motionless and silent. In the deep tribulation consequent upon Fortoto's return, in the midst of questions and answers whose rapidity left no place for reflection, she had forgotten Noridet upon the terrace, who might prove an eavesdropper. This impression suddenly came to her, and in her simplicity she was devising some method for bringing together her yesterday's defender and her new protector sent by Heaven in the person of Fortoto.

"Ah!" exclaimed the mulatto, "in all of this I detect the infernal machinations of that man wanting to make a thief out of me; I know him now to be a monster desirous of our extermination—that infamous Jules —"

"Name him not!" interrupted Louise. "Speak no evil of him nourished by your mother. We are overheard."
"Who overhears us?" inquired Fortoto, glancing around the room.

"A gentleman to whom, since yesterday, I owe my liberty, and perchance my father's life."
"A man! A man here!" exclaimed the mulatto. "I shall go mad!"

The course of the conversation had led the two lovers to the middle of the room leading to the terrace.
"His name! I must know his name!" shouted Fortoto, wild with jealousy.

"He shall tell you it himself," said Louise Bernard, opening the glazed door behind which Noridet had been hidden.
He was standing erect, calm, smiling, arms crossed, head upright. Fortoto, perceiving him, retreated in terror and surprise.

"Him!" he cried in a stifled voice.
And instinctively he seized his betrothed by the arm, and sought to place himself in her front.

"Good-day, Fortoto," said Noridet in an off-hand manner, advancing to tender the mulatto his hand. Bewildered by this unexpected appearance, astounded by his impudence, the mulatto lost presence of mind, and Noridet profited by this momentary stupor to relieve his embarrassment and to resume his former ascendancy.

"It struck me that I recognized your voice," he calmly continued, "and, as I am no eavesdropper, I heard nothing at all. But the Devil take me if I expected to see you here."

Designed to reassure Fortoto as to the consequences of his conversation, these observations only succeeded in generating doubts in his mind.
"He should not have missed a word we have said," thought the mulatto; "and even should he not lie, we must get out of his clutches."

Fortoto, nevertheless, resolved upon acting prudently, to avoid a direct quarrel; for, as he believed Noridet capable of anything, even immediate violence, his first care was concerning Louise's safety. The girl did not comprehend the significance of the occurrence, and she glanced alternately from her lover to Noridet, as if in search of an explanation.

With resort to stratagem, however, Fortoto attempted to place his betrothed upon her guard.
"Mademoiselle," said he, lowering his voice, "this is my foster-brother, Monsieur Jules Noridet, of whom you have heard me speak so frequently."

"Jules Noridet!" repeated the girl, darting backward, as if at sight of a serpent.
"It appears, dear Fortoto," quoth Noridet, "that if you have, as you say, spoken so frequently of me to your betrothed, it was not in terms of eulogy. I imagine I rendered some service, yesterday, to the young lady, and I have trusted to be in her good graces; nevertheless, upon your introduction, I produce the effect of a scarecrow."

"You forget that you have deceived me, sir," said the girl with severity.
"In what, I pray, mademoiselle?" said Noridet without losing any of his imperturbable coolness. "Was it in declaring myself to be a friend of the Count d'Alcamo? Your admirer, Monsieur Fortoto, can certify that to be perfectly correct."

The mulatto could scarcely restrain a gesture of denial.
"As to that I am in ignorance," said Louise energetically, "but I am certain of your introduction of yourself beneath a false name; and my father has taught me that such an action is unworthy of an honorable man."

"I really regret," resumed Noridet with a chuckle, "to disagree with the intended Bernard upon so delicate a question; but I have excellent reasons to preserve myself anonymous in a matter of this character."

"What reasons, sir?" inquired the indignant Louise.
"I believed in acting properly upon assuming an *incognito* in defense of a domestic, charged with assassination, and of his daughter, about to be arrested as a thief."

The premeditated coolness of Fortoto succumbed beneath this insult, cast upon the object of his adoration.
"Scoundrel!" he exclaimed, advancing his clenched fists.

"Heavens! yes," continued Noridet callously. "Last evening, at the pawnshop, had I not interfered, my young lady would have been simply led to the Prefecture-of-police, where her honorable father would not have been in joining her."

The girl turned pale as death, and leaned for support upon her lover's arm.
"I will explain everything," murmured she, pressing against him.

The mulatto, reassured at a glance, looked Noridet steadfastly in the face, and said:
"You lie!"

"Very fine! Master Fortoto, you are insolent for an escaped prisoner."
These words, contemptuously ejaculated, fell upon Louise's betrothed like unto a stream of cold water. He instantly foresaw the consequences of an immediate and violent dispute—the interference of the police, and the advantage assured Noridet from his social position and triumphant calmness. He consequently restrained himself from uttering the terrible epithet he was about to hurl against Noridet, and drooped his head in silence.

"I have received a mission," thought he, "and have no right to speak before fulfilling it."
"Know you not well," resumed Noridet, emboldened by his opening success, "that it rests upon me to have you taken back to Dieppe, where you have an account to settle, without reckoning those I could bring against you here?"

"I am ready to restore the money still due, which you advanced for a robbery in the Rue Vanneau," responded Fortoto, enraged despite himself.
"Ah! you dare recall to my mind the part you have played in that business?" exclaimed Noridet threateningly. "You will pay dearly for treason and impudence."

The assassin had conceived the moment to be propitious to intimidate with audacity his weak adversaries.
"But, Monsieur Jules," said the mulatto, apparently calmed on the sudden, "I throw up nothing, and only request you to preserve silence as to our transactions. What, after, do I desire? To marry Mademoiselle Bernard and not to meddle in matters of no concern to me."

Fortoto played a game the reverse of that of his adversary, and assumed a semblance of surrender to extricate himself from a dangerous situation. While pronouncing this sentence in the humblest of tones, he had warned Louise by a gentle pressure of the hand, and the bewildered girl had allowed him to speak without interruption. Noridet gazed upon both with an inquisitive glance, and seemingly hesitated.

"Be it so," he said, in obedience to a sudden resolution. "I bestow no more thought upon you. Marry your wench, and I will give her a dowry, if needs be."

Louise drew herself erect, and darted upon the speaker a look of supreme contempt.
"Yes," resumed Jules, with an air of disdainful superiority, "this will be a definite treaty. I will not meddle in your business, and you will leave mine alone, but upon one condition."

"What one?" inquired Fortoto, all attention.
"Mademoiselle will surrender to me the casket you were heretofore commissioned to bring."

The lovers gazed at each other in amazement at this sublimity of audacity, and a wrathful glare gleamed in the eyes of both.
"Do you believe, sir, that I would sell the sacred trust reposed in me by my father?" quoth the girl coldly.

"You pressed me to accept it a while since."
"Then I took you for a gentleman, for I knew not that you were named Jules Noridet."

This time the blow struck, and Louise Bernard's contemptuous words pierced the breastplate of indifference the scoundrel had assumed.
"Hence you refuse to give up the casket?" said he, grinding his teeth.

"When alone, I would yield life in its defense," responded the girl, glancing at her lover.
"I want it, and will have it!" exclaimed Noridet, wild with anger.

Then, pushing Louise brutally aside, he walked up to the Italian cabinet, wherein she had placed the casket. The key remained in the lock, and Noridet trusted to carry off his prize by a master-stroke in audacity. But he had reckoned without consideration of Fortoto. Perceiving the assassin of D'Alcamo lay violent hands upon his betrothed, the mulatto was seized by one of those paroxysms of wrath so terrible with men of his race.

With a bound he leaped upon his enemy and seized him by the throat. The villain ventured upon resistance. He was strong and adroit; but Fortoto, in exercising his calling as a mountebank, had acquired an incredible suppleness, while anger trebled the strength of his muscles. Almost instantly Noridet was thrown to the earth. The mulatto was no longer a man. Rage had transformed him into a wild beast. He placed a knee upon his adversary's breast to complete his strangulation, and, before Louise had time to oppose, had drawn him as far as the edge of the terrace. Then, by a prodigious effort, he raised Noridet up in his arms to cast him down into the courtyard beneath.

"Die like a dog!" he cried, holding the body suspended over the abyss.
Noridet, half strangled, had not uttered a shriek. Louise threw herself upon her lover to stay his violence, but the struggle had been so brief and its action so rapid that the girl's intervention proved absolutely profitless. The vanquished man was uplifted within Fortoto's robust arms before she had had opportunity to comprehend the nature of the movement. The terrace overlooked a courtyard, forty feet below it, paved with large tiles, and a fall from that height would necessarily prove mortal. Murder Fortoto was certain to commit, but anger had crazed him. He was about unloosening his grasp and hurling Noridet into the depths beneath, when a croaking cry, seeming to descend from the heavens, struck upon his ear.

"Fortoto!" shouted a voice, husky and furious; "Fortoto! brigand! scoundrel!"

The mulatto uplifted his head and recoiled as if before an avenging spectre, as he recognized his mother. The aged negress appeared at her window, ten yards above and fronting the terrace. She was gesticulating in the most threatening manner, while showering maledictions upon her son's head. Enframed in this wise amid the white window-curtains, her black countenance produced a prodigious effect, similar to that wrought by a pythoness writhing upon a tripod. Fortoto at all times entertained a terrible dread of his mother, and, upon finding himself surprised in the act of committing an open crime, he became awe-stricken. He quickly retreated from the terrace edge, dragging his human burden with him, and then, suffering the body to fall upon a flower-bed, hid his face within his hands.

"Assassin! assassin!" reverberated through the air in Aurora's sharp voice.

Immediately windows commanding the courtyard were heard to open, and tenants upon every floor interchanged inquiries. Although the noise coming from above had attracted the curious, no one had witnessed the scene upon the terrace. It was November and the weather was cold, consequently it needed the wrathful growls of the negress to induce people to gaze about through opened windows. The mulatto instantly reflected that, had he hurled Noridet into the courtyard, he would not fail to be arrested by reason of the commotion pervading the neighborhood. That danger had passed, since Noridet, stretched beneath the arbor, was out of the tenants' sight, and in no condition to appeal for assistance. Yet moments were precious, as at any instant the vanquished man might regain consciousness.

He moved convulsively and his contracted features seemed to be assuming a menacing aspect.
The negress' ejaculations had ceased, but Fortoto could perceive, through the withered leaves, the continuance of her furious gestures, while at times she

pointed her hand towards the terrace. Evidently she had intently watched the scene of violence, and her keen eyes had recognized Jules, whom she had nourished with her own milk and loved with an entirely animal friendship. The mulatto, her real son, could not count upon her clemency, especially since his affection for Louise had drawn upon him maternal maledictions. Aurora, perceiving upon the terrace the girl she detested, had been moved to anger, the danger incurred by Jules had exasperated her to frenzy, and in the boundless paroxysm of passion she was capable of causing Fortoto's apprehension. The mulatto perfectly comprehended the peril, and was especially desirous of extricating from it the object of his adoration.

"Let us fly!" he said hastily to Louise, remaining mute with terror. "Take the casket, and leave this accursed house."

"And this—this wretched man—what will become of him?" inquired Louise, moved to pity upon looking at Noridet.
"He will arouse too soon for us. We have not a minute to lose to escape him."

"Yet he has overheard everything, and will pursue us to the asylum whither you are to take me."
"No, Louise; he dare not, for he well knows that there you will be beneath the protection of a man more powerful than himself. But let us start—in Heaven's name, let us start!"

Trembling, bewildered, the girl re-entered the room, took the casket, and departed with Fortoto.

CHAPTER XIX.
The Golden Galleon Inn, at Dieppe, had nothing in common with the luxurious hotels bordering the beach in front of the Casino. Situated upon the quay of the basin, at a few paces from the English steamer's dock, it is especially frequented by commercial travelers visiting Great Britain by the shortest and cheapest route. It is a celebrated old-style hostelry, where additions of wax candles and of servants' fees to a stranger's bill have not as yet been imagined, and where guests voluntarily warm themselves at the kitchen fire while chatting with the landlord. Dinner is served at five o'clock with the standard beverage—cider.

Upon the day after the one, replete with incidents, upon which he had seen annihilated his final hope, Noridet, in traveling costume—fatigued, pale, with restless eyes and contracted features—paced with lengthened strides the smoke-begrimed room wherein the worthy proprietor of the Golden Galleon was supervising the finishing preparations for the evening meal. Night had already fallen, and rain, descending in torrents, dashed against the window-glasses. The wind blew so strongly as to rock the vessels inside the basin. When the door opened there could be heard the creaking of the cordage and the straining of the yards on board the English packet moored directly in front of the door of the inn.

The conventional bell had not as yet rung in announcement of dinner, and the horseshoe-shaped table awaited the arrival of guests. A long file of decanters, filled with topaz-colored cider, ranged majestically in front of common porcelain plates. Here and there some bottles of wine were interspersed, around whose necks were wreathed napkins of gastronomic patrons as indices of private property. Nevertheless, the economical Norman beverage asserted its preference.

Noridet, in the middle of this ordinary refectory, presented an appearance of a prince astray in a tavern, yet apparently indifferent to his surroundings. He came from and went to door and windows, watching the weather and shrugging his shoulders with a badly disguised expression of impatience. It required no acute observer to fathom the motives for his ill-humor. He evidently feared the impossibility of a departure for England by reason of the gale, rapidly augmenting into a tempest. The steamer, at the morning tide, had suspended the undertaking of its usual trip, and for over twelve hours Noridet had fretted in anger within this plebeian inn.

After the incident depriving him of his last hope for immunity, he had arranged his business matters as a general makes dispositions to beat a retreat before a victorious enemy. He had withdrawn his money from the bank, and collected his marketable securities. He would leave behind merely his chateau at Chevreuse, whose value was insignificant compared with the fortune he would carry off in good bankbills. He looked forward, moreover, to exile with comparatively slight repugnance. A sojourn in distant America for a few years presented no terrifying prospect coupled with an anticipation of an existence like that of an opulent citizen. Noridet was aware that the mighty dollar reigned as sovereign in that austere republic, wherein a millionaire's antecedents are seldom scrutinized. He likewise calculated upon the tide of oblivion, ever on the rise at Paris, to submerge to their final vestige long-past crimes and superannuated iniquities. Consequently, he resolved upon an immediate departure, by the shortest route, for England. For many reasons he would have preferred another route, yet he had no longer a choice; and, moreover, he anticipated no protracted sojourn in Dieppe, as the English steamer connected upon the arrival of the train. The journey from Paris, reviving dismal reminiscences, appeared of intolerable duration, and upon his descent from the railway carriage he caused himself to be driven straightway to the steamer, from whose funnel rolled clouds of dense smoke. This time he believed himself to be in absolute security. For a long time the formality of passports had been suppressed; hence no difficulty interposed to prevent his departure, and he paced the vessel's deck joyously as upon representative soil of free England. No one had noticed him, and, on the other hand, he had but casually remarked upon the steamer's gangway an individual, enveloped in a huge cloak, whom he imagined to have seen on the train from Paris.

"Twenty more minutes of uneasiness," thought he, as he ascended the vessel's side, "and this good ship will double the jetty, and then the millions are mine."

Noridet had bestowed no thought upon northwesterers. After a quarter of an hour of hesitancy the captain, observing the barometer to descend to a point calculated to dishearten the stoutest mariner of Britain, declared his inability to put to sea in such weather, and consequently postponed the departure until the evening tide. This determination filled Noridet with consternation, as he would have braved all the typhoons of the Chinese seas to have more quickly reached a foreign country. But he had no other resource than to disembark and calmly wait until the gale would condescend to go down.

To avoid the chance of an inopportune recognition, he had made choice of the Golden Galleon Inn, separated from the steamer merely by the quay, among whose patrons, with no pretensions to gentility, he entertained but slight apprehension of meeting persons of his social position. He secured a room, went to bed and indulged in a nervous slumber until four o'clock. Upon arising, more disagreeable intelligence was communicated. The tempest remained undiminished, and the evening departure was postponed until the next morning. Perceiving himself to be incarcerated for many days probably within this inn, whence he dare not emerge, Noridet forthwith gave way to a paroxysm of anger. As a climax to his exasperation, service of meals in his own room was refused. The old-time usages of the Golden Galleon opposed such innovations; and as otherwise he might have perished from hunger, Noridet was forced to come down to the table d'hôte. Consequently, when the bell rang for dinner, he found himself in no very agreeable disposition. He hastened to take a place in order to sooner finish. The guests entered, one after another, with loud talking and countenances reddened by alcoholic beverages, consumed to while away leisure hours of a day lost to business. Noridet disdained to honor them with a glance, and, brooding over his mishap, awaited until the termination of the meal would deliver him from their unpleasant society.

"This way, sir!" exclaimed the innkeeper to a tardy arrival, indicating a seat at his side.
Noridet raised his eyes mechanically, and his surprise was such as almost to cause his falling backward. In the individual seating himself directly in his front he recognized Fortoto.

TO BE CONTINUED.

THE AMERICA CUP.

YCOCK vs. RUSH.

POWER vs. RUSH.

A SOUTH AUSTRALIAN Amateur Rowing Association has been formed at Adelaide for the purpose of arranging intercolonial matches and regulating rowing matters.

THE CHAMPION'S INTENTIONS.

RUSH vs. PEARCE.

THE AMOUNT collected by the Laycock testimonial committee in Australia was \$1,504.

THE TURF.

AMERICAN JOCKEY CLUB

SILVIO, winner of the Epsom Derby in 1877, has been sold to a French nobleman for \$35,000.

FOXHALL'S CAMBRIDGESHIRE VICTORY.

THEODORE WALTON sailed from Liverpool for home Nov. 12. He is said to have bought all of Baron Maltzahn's horses, including Beatus, 3yrs. old, Matlock, 2yrs., and Spring Daisy, 2yrs.

ATHLETIC.

ROWELL & DOBLEN

Witness: PETER DURYEA, HARRY JACK SMITH, CHAR. M. COLVIN.

THE BROOKLYN CLUB'S TOURNEY.

FIREMEN'S RACE.
A contest for \$200 a side between the members of Excelsior

FIREMEN'S RACE.

CHAS. MOORE attempted to run eighteen miles in two hours at the Lillie-bridge grounds, London, Eng., Oct. 3, but lost by two hundred yards. His time for seventeen miles was 1h. 53m. 6½s. Referee, R. Watson.

A CARD FROM JOHN ENNIS.

SMITH vs. McQUIGIN.

A SIX-DAY go-as-you-please tournament was commenced at Sydney, N. S. W., Sept. 10, the result being as follows: Swan, 434 miles 5 laps; Edwards, 423 miles 5 laps; Raynor, 414 miles 1 lap; Williams, 356 miles 7 laps; Le Petit, 335 miles 1 lap; Campbell, 328 miles.

THE TRIGGER

CARVER'S VICTORIES.—Cable dispatches state that on Nov. 10 Dr. W. F. Carver, the American shooter, on a wager, killed 87 pigeons out of 100 shot at. The challenge was that he would not kill 70 birds out of 100, and the stakes were \$500 on this part of the match. The 70 birds having been killed, \$250 a side were betted on each additional bird up to 80. Dr. Carver killed these without a miss. Also, that on the following day Carver in a match to kill 55 out of 50, knocked over 55.

SHOW NEWS.

DRAMATIC.

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IN NEW ORLEANS, LA., the following companies closed Nov. 19, having played to light business: The *San-Santley* Novelty Company, K. O. Goodwin's Combination and Willie Monahan's Sparks. To have opened 18: Minnie Palmer, "The World" and Haverly's "Widow Badotti." A telegram dated 14 says: "The World Combination did not arrive, owing to a railroad accident near Montgomery, Ala." *Hyperalo* Bill in "The Prairie Waltz" opened at Henck's Opera-house, Cincinnati, O., Nov. 14.

HOSY & HARRIS'S COMBINATION did a fair business in Memphis, Tenn., the past week. They played in Nashville, Tenn., 14, 15, 16; thence to Evansville, Ind., 17, Terre Haute, 18, 19, St. Louis 21, one week.

THE BUSINESS of the Buckingham Combination at the Sixteenth-street Theatre, Denver, Col., has not been large. Miss Annie Ward Tiffany has returned to the company, and appeared Nov. 8 in "Under the Gaslight," filling the role of Laura Courtland, although Miss Buckingham was billed in the part. [Later news may be found in our telegraphic advices.]

CHAS. H. HAMILTON'S COMPANY played in Ashland, Pa., Nov. 14, 15, going to Carbondale 16, 17, Pittston 18, 19.

NAT GOODWIN'S ENGAGEMENT in Memphis, Tenn., for this week has been cancelled.

CHARLOTTE THOMPSON played in Austin, Texas, Nov. 7, 8, to large business. *Benham* 9, Galveston 10, 11, Houston 12, 13, Mobile, Ala., 14, 15.

NELLIE BOYD'S DRAMATIC COMPANY consists of Nellie Boyd, Ruby Lafayette, Alma Lafayette, Ginevra Canavan, H. B. Emery, O. L. Hart, S. Phillips, J. P. Curran, T. D. Van Osten, H. A. Raymond, F. H. Fitzgerald, Harry Clark, C. O. Myers and George M. Kelly, manager. They played in Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 14, 15, and are in La Crosse, Wis., 16, 17, El Paso, Texas, 21-26, Tombstone, Arizona, 28 one week.

MIRIAM OSCAR GRAY and company opened at the Royal Opera-house, Toronto, Ont., for one week, Nov. 14. Wren's "Uncle Tom" closed 9. Business poor. Oliver Doubt Byron and company filled out the week to good business.

A LITTLE LADY, professionally known as Little Jewel, will be at liberty to accept engagements after Dec. 1. See Mrs. A. Nelson's card.

A. NELSON is published elsewhere of interest to the creditors of the late Edward A. Nelson, who are requested to send in their claims before Dec. 31, 1881.

MILTON NORMAN played in Augusta, Ga., Nov. 7, Columbia, S. C., 8, 9, 10, 11, Newberry 12, Greenville 13, Spartanburg 14, and is billed in Charlotte 15, Raleigh, N. C., 17, Norfolk, Va., 18, Petersburg 19, Richmond 21, 22, 23.

THOMAS W. KANE is due in Augusta, Ga., Nov. 18, Athens 19, Atlanta 21, 22, Macon 23, Columbus 24, Montgomery, Ala., 25, 26, New Orleans 27, for one week.

"THE WORLD" COMBINATION closed at Macanley's Theatre, Louisville, Ky., 13, after a week of varying business, and left for New Orleans to open 14, for two weeks. W. S. Harkins and wife have left the company.

MARION MILES of the Academy of Music, Reading, Pa., and the Eastern Pennsylvania Circuit was presented by his wife with a boy weighing a dozen pounds Nov. 8.

NICK ROBERTS' PANTOMIME TROUPE No. 2 played in Potomac, Pa., Nov. 14, Altoona 15; thence to Steubenville, O., 16, Newark 17.

MARY ANDERSON closed a week's engagement at the Grand Opera-house, Cincinnati, O., Nov. 13, having played to good business. The Madison-square Theatre Co. in "Hazel Kirke" opened 14.

THERE is no change in the bill at the Eighth-street Theatre, Philadelphia. The management contemplate bringing a new leading lady, Henrietta Vaders, to the front Nov. 21, and playing her against Mary Anderson in the same roles presented by the latter. G. U. Brown Jr. is again sole manager. Robert M. Leonard having retired, and an advance-agent is wanted; also a bill book. Address: "A One Combination," care of this office.

JANUARIUS played in Stamford, Ct., Nov. 14, Norwalk 15, and is due in Williamstown 16, Hartford 17.

JOHN S. CLARK and company played in Wagner's Opera-house, Bradford, Pa., Nov. 10, 11, Oil City 12, and commenced a week's engagement in Pittsburgh 14; thence to Youngstown, O., 15, Akron 23, Columbus 24, Springfield 25, Dayton 26.

SALVATOUR'S TROUBADOURS presented "The Amateur Benefit" at the National Theatre, Washington, D. C., Nov. 14, to a large audience. They remain the rest of the week; thence to San Francisco, O., 21, Columbus 22, Springfield 23, Dayton 24, Loganport, Ind., 25, Springfield, Ill., 26, St. Louis, Mo., 28, one week.

WILLIAM W. FLETCHER Jr., manager of Twiddle Hall, Albany, N. Y., and Miss Elizabeth Van Santvoord of that city were married Nov. 9.

J. K. EMMET commenced a week's engagement at the Leland Opera-house, Albany, N. Y., Nov. 14, before a very large audience, in "Frits in Ireland." Our correspondent says: "The name of the street leading from Emmet's new residence in this city has been changed from Lexington to Emmet, in compliment to the genial comedian. The two Orphans," with George Holland, Mrs. Wilkins and others in the cast, did a wretched business at this theatre 7, 8, 9, 10.

THE EDWIN CLIFFORD DRAMATIC COMPANY, after performing in Oasson, Minn., Nov. 14, 15, 16, are to visit Rochester 17, and play there 18 and 19 also.

AN AMERICAN DANCY—Miss Rhea made her first appearance in America at the Park Theatre, Brooklyn, L. I., Nov. 14, when "Camille" was presented with this cast: Camille, Mlle. Rhea; Armand Duval, J. Newton Gotthold; De Valville, W. F. Clifton; Mons. Duval, Edwin Varrey; Gaston, J. B. Amory; Gustave, L. A. Eastman; Doctor, J. H. Howell; Messenger, Edwin Davis; Madame Prudence, Mrs. J. W. Bruns; Nichette, Isabel Morris; Nanine, Mlle. Moore; Olympia, Grace Hall. Our correspondent says: "Miss Rhea was warmly received, and the audience was most liberal with its applause throughout the evening. The lady's appearance is much in her favor. Her stage presence is excellent. She possesses a remarkably handsome face and figure, and her costumes are models of elegance. She gave an even and intelligent rendering of the character; but it cannot be said that she achieved a remarkable success. She has neither the refinement of Sara Bernhardt nor the emotional abilities of Clara Morris; and it cannot be denied that there are at least a score of ladies upon the American stage to-day capable of playing Camille equally well. Mlle. Rhea speaks English with a strong French accent. The lady was called before the curtain at the close of each act, and she has every reason to feel flattered with her reception. The verdict of the audience was unmistakably in her favor, and the edict with which her first performance passed off as a success for the success of her American tour. Mlle. Rhea's support was fair. Mr. Gotthold and Mrs. Bruns being particularly good. "Camille" is to be repeated 17, 19 and matinee 18, "Adrienne" to be given 15, 16 and matinee 19, and "Much Ado About Nothing" is announced for 18. Mlle. Rhea will be succeeded 21 by Hermann and company.

MA AND MRS. W. F. LYNN opened at Haverly's Brooklyn Theatre Nov. 14 in "The Mighty Dollar." To a large audience. Route ahead: Washington, D. C., 21, Baltimore, Md., 28, one week each; New York City Dec. 5, two weeks. The Trolleys open at Haverly's 21.

JAY RIAL'S "UNCLE TOM'S" COMBINATION will hold the boards at the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, week of Nov. 21.

PICO, the popular vaudeville artist, advertised that he can be engaged for pantomime or circus after Nov. 19.

HEN AMERICAN DANCY—Mlle. Engeline Legrand, a fair actress, formerly engaged at the Odéon, Paris, France, who came hither from Australia, made her first appearance in America in the Academy of Music, Jersey City, N. J., Nov. 14, acting the title-character in "Camille," which was thus cast: Armand Duval, W. H. Brent; M. Duval, his father, Felix Morris; Gaston Bix, W. H. Lytell; Count de Varville, E. Murray Day; Gustave, Willie Royston; Messenger, L. F. Gordon; Arthur, W. B. Robinson; Mlle. Prudence, Mrs. Jane Gordon; Nichette, Miss Blanche Mortimer; Nanine, Miss Irene Ackerman; Olympia, Miss Cloudeleigh. She is credited with the possession of considerable ability, but is somewhat lacking in experience for the portrayal of leading roles. She played Mlle. Merriek in "The New Magdalen" 15, and is to repeat Camille 16.

A VALUABLE PRESENT—John P. Howard gave the Opera-house bearing his name in Burlington, Vt., Nov. 14, to the Home for Destitute Children in that city. It was built two years ago at a cost of \$125,000, and contains four large stores, besides a spacious theatre.

COL. ROBINSON'S "HUMPTY DUMPTY" Co. played in Halifax, N. S., Nov. 10, 11, 12, Windsor 14, Kentville 15; thence to Annapolis 16, Yarmouth 17, 18, Eastport, Me., 21, 22, Calais 23, 24, 25, Woodstock 26, 27, Bangor 28. The blue notes were exceedingly well pleased with the entertainment given by this company, as will be seen by the following extract from *The Halifax Chronicle* of Nov. 11:

"On Monday a 'Humpty Dumpty' Troupe opened at the Academy of Music last night. A display of fireworks and a light opera performance in the street were witnessed by a large audience. Frequent notices were given, and the spectators were pleased and satisfied with the performance. The programme was a long and varied one, introducing a great number of variety specialties. There were several really good acts. The educated dogs of Prof. May were very interesting. The one-acting was excellent. The juggler had many new and attractive tricks, and the pantomime was very amusing."

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MUSICAL.

A *SOMMER* was given at the Academy of Music, Philadelphia, Nov. 10, by the Royal Handbellringers and Gleaners of London, to an immense audience.

AT *ASSOCIATION HALL*, Philadelphia, Nov. 13, a concert was given by the Faculty of the Philadelphia Musical Academy, comprising Mrs. Gabel, baritone; R. Hennig, violin; M. Van Gelder (first appearance there), violin; F. Grischow and F. Zuckner, piano. Attendance good.

SIMON HANSLER, musical-director of the Chestnut-street Theatre, Philadelphia, is about to compose a comic opera.

A RARE OPPORTUNITY—The most advantageous offer yet made will be found in Hon. Daniel F. Beatty's piano and purchase are requested by him to get in their orders for Christmas and New Year's presents without delay. Read the advertisement. Send to Washington, New Jersey, for his latest illustrated catalogue.

DONAVIN'S ORIGINAL TREMBLEBARS are to be in Spencer, Ia., Nov. 18 Sheldon 17, Libby 18, Rock Rapids 21, Sioux Falls, D. T., 22, Canton 23, Yankton 24, Elk Point 25, Tekamah, Neb., 26, Blair 29, Fremont 30.

DONAVIN'S FAMOUS TREMBLEBARS were in De Groff, O., Nov. 12, Bellefontaine 14, Springfield 15, Mechanosburg 16.

SPRINGFIELD'S BELLRINGERS played in North Brookfield, Mass., Nov. 10, West Brookfield 11, Warren 12, Palmer 14, 15, Stafford Springs 16. Warren Richards, comedian, joins 21.

IT IS ELMA, and not Selma Delaro, who plays Lady Jane in "Patience" with the Emeline Melville Opera Co.

"THE LITTLE GOLD RING" is the title of a new song advertised for sale by music dealers.

THE BOSTON IDEAL-OPERA COMPANY were to have opened Nov. 14 at the Grand Opera-house, Chicago, Ill., in "The Mascot," for two weeks. The Comley-Barton Opera Company closed a successful season of two weeks 13. They presented "Olivette" and "Madame Favart."

THE BOSTON IDEAL-OPERA COMPANY did a large business at the Euclid-avenue Opera-house, Cleveland, O., the week ending Nov. 12. They open in Chicago 14, for two weeks; Milwaukee 28, 29, 30, Madison Dec. 1, 2, 3.

THE MCNEIL FAMILY and Sam K. Hodgdon Concert Company played in Henderson, Ky., Nov. 12, Madisonville 14, Earlinton 15, and are due in Hopkinsville 16, Trenton 17, Guthrie 18, Springfield, Tenn., 19, Baker's 21, Edgeland 22, Franklin 23, Columbia 24, Palaski 25, Athens, Ala., 26.

GOLDEN'S TROUBADOURS were in Worthington, Minn., Nov. 5, Luzerne 7, Sioux Falls, D. T., 8, Canton 9, Ponca, Neb., 14, Oakland 16; going to Tekamah 17, Blair 18, Fremont 19.

"FATINETA" was sung in splendid style at the Concordia Operetta Theatre, Philadelphia, Nov. 13 and 14. Marie König, the prima donna, improves upon acquaintance, and is a popular favorite. Her voice is a clear, pure, sweet soprano, full of sympathetic quality, and is admirably controlled. She is a charming actress, and makes the most of every part assigned her. The company supporting her is above the average.

THE PARK CONCERT COMPANY are playing in New Zealand under the management of G. A. Conant.

AT *FORD'S* OPERA-HOUSE, Washington, D. C., Chas. E. Ford's Opera Company commenced a week's engagement Nov. 14 in "The Royal Midway," a full house.

A LEADER OF ORCHESTRA is wanted by W. S. Ross, who advertises.

THE EMELINE MELVILLE OPERA COMPANY continued to give enjoyable and praiseworthy performances of "Patience" during the past week at the Gaiety Theatre, Boston, Mass., the audiences being large and fashionable. This week, the third in their engagement, "The Royal Midway" is to be played. The company is composed of many prominent artists, an extra performance of "Patience" will be given in Music Hall Nov. 21, and indications are that the house will be a big one. "The Tourist" will probably follow the Emeline Melville Company at the Gaiety.

GEORGE W. CHADWICK, the well-known composer, has been engaged to direct the music in "Edipus Tyrannus" when it is produced at Boston, Mass.

THE SINGER KELLY who has made so successful a debut in "Othello," at Naples, Italy, is a son of ex-Alderman D. Kelly of Boston, Mass., and the young man's Eastern friends are rejoicing over his triumph.

ETALKA GREYER is to appear in Boston, Mass., Nov. 16, 17, these being her first American appearances this season.

GUSTAVE BATTIST, second pianist, was to have opened Nov. 17 at Hotel Vendome, Boston, Mass.

THE FOURTH CONCERT in the Higginson series at Music Hall, Boston, Mass., Nov. 12, drew a large audience. George Henschel conducted, and the soloist was Signor Campanari, violinist.

VOCALISTS and instrumentalists are wanted for Hart's Colored Concert Company. Address F. H. Jennings, as per card.

THE WILSON OPERA COMPANY opened a three-nights' engagement Nov. 17 at the Detroit (Mich.) Opera-house.

NICHOLAS HALL, Marietta, Ga., can be rented. It seats 600 people, has new scenery, etc. See A. C. Heggie's card.

THE BIRMINGHAM OPERA CO. is due in Augusta, Ga., Nov. 16, 17, Charleston, S. C., 18, Savannah, Ga., 21, 22, 23, Charleston (return) 24, 25, 26.

GEORGE TRACHTER'S MINSTRELS, Philadelphia, cheered a large audience Nov. 14, the new burlesque on "Patience" entitled "Patience," which was produced for the first time on any stage Nov. 12, having made a ten-strike. It is a very clever production from the pen of Billy Courtright. It follows the original piece closely, and introduces a great deal of the original music. A full-dress rehearsal of it was given before members of the press and others after the show Nov. 11.

HEALEY, solo-futist with Geo. Thatcher's Minstrels, Philadelphia, has just purchased a very handsome silver Boehm flute for \$150. In addition to his flute-playing, Mr. Healey is now performing a solo on musical-glasses in the annual to the first part.

WHITMORE & CLARK'S MINSTRELS appeared in Brunswick, Me., Nov. 14, 15, 16, and are due in Rockland 16, Camden 17, Scarborough 18, Belfast 19, Bangor 20, Bangor 21, Dexter 22, Augusta 23, Hallowell 25, Gardiner 26.

CANONCH'S MINSTRELS, Philadelphia, have done immensely with their capital burlesque, "Patience," hundreds of people being nightly turned away last week, as was also the case Nov. 14. The other features of the bill last reported in *THE CLIPPER* are still retained.

THE NEW ENGLAND OPERA CO. occupied Robinson's Opera-house, Cincinnati, O., Nov. 14, the new burlesque on "Patience" was the attraction, but the audience were very slim. Our correspondent says: "The company is not a strong one. They closed Nov. 12, and Leavitt's Minstrels opened 14."

AT *HEUCK'S* OPERA-HOUSE, Cincinnati, O., Rice's Comedy Opera Co. delighted large audiences the past week with their rendition of "The Mascot," closing Nov. 12.

THE GRAYSON OPERA CO. will produce "Patience" in Manchester, N. H., Nov. 18, 19, Rutland, Vt., 21, Burlington 22, Montpelier 23.

"THE OLD FIREPLACE," Tom V. Short's song, is received with applause as sung by Nellie Richards of Leavitt's Specialty Company.

"FLOW, BEAUTIFUL HUDSON," and several other songs are issued by the Grayson Music Engraving Co., as advertised.

A PORTABLE bass and tuba player is wanted by D. H. Morgan. See card.

G. H. ROWE, whose address find in another column, arranges music for the profession.

CONANT'S SWISS BELLRINGERS start out from Boston, Mass., about Dec. 1, with Geo. A. Sawin as business manager. A humorist and lady musicians are advertised for.

"PATIENCE" was sung by the Boston Museum Company in Pawtucket, R. I., Nov. 14, Springfield, Mass., 15, and is to be in Worcester 16, New Bedford 17, Fall River 18.

EMMA ABBOTT and her English Opera Company began their second week at the Chestnut-street Opera-house, Philadelphia, Nov. 14, with a performance of "The Two Cavaliers," which drew lightly, it having proved a failure there.

A CORNET-PLAYER is wanted for Hi Henry's Minstrels. See advertisement.

MARSHON'S COMPANY sang "Martha" to a light house at the Brooklyn Academy of Music Nov. 8.

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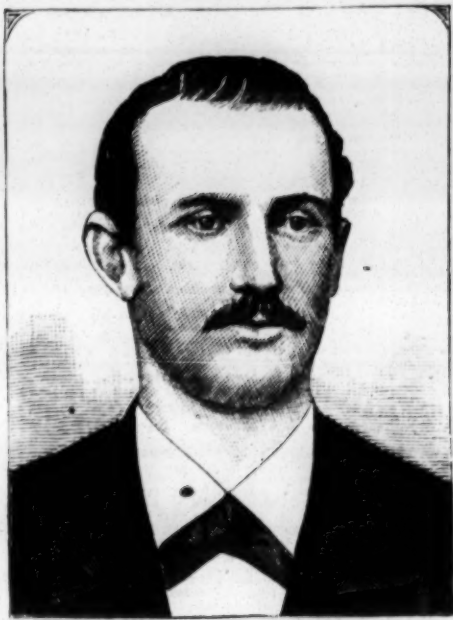
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BASEBALL.



EDGAR E. CUTHBERT.

whose portrait we give this week, is well-known to the patrons of baseball all over the country by his graceful skill in handling the ball and bat while connected with the leading clubs during the past seventeen seasons. He was born in Philadelphia, Pa., about thirty-four years ago, and commenced playing ball with the Keystone of his native city, with whom during the seasons of 1885 and 1886 he filled at times every position on the nine except that of pitcher. He commenced the season of 1887 as catcher of the West Philadelphia Club, but afterwards joined the Athletics, playing right-field during the remainder of that season. He continued with the Athletics during 1888 and 1889 as their left-fielder and change-catcher. In 1890 Cuthbert was the center-fielder of the then newly-organized Chicago Club, and during the seasons of 1891 and 1892 he was again filling his old position at left-field for the Athletics, and under whose colors he had participated in upwards of three hundred games. Cuthbert was chiefly instrumental in organizing the Philadelphia Club in 1873, and his fine fielding, batting and base-running materially helped the "Phillies" to attain their phenomenal success during that season, and led to his re-engagement by the Chicago Club in 1894. He was one of the first players engaged by the St. Louis Club, with whom he made a brilliant record, during the seasons of 1895 and '96, both with the ball and at the bat. The Centennial season was the last in which he played professionally, being engaged in business in St. Louis, Mo., where he has taken up his permanent residence. He has, however, occasionally played in local games during the past five seasons, and but a few weeks ago was credited with having made the most wonderful catch in the outfield ever witnessed in St. Louis. For many years Cuthbert occupied a prominent position as a player, his magnificent outfielding, safe and sure batting and fast base-running being each in turn deserving of commendation. Recalling with a cordial and friendly recollection his antics and drollery both on and off the ball-field, and the enjoyment and zeal with which he used to enter into the spirit of the game, we hope to have the pleasure of chronicling his appearance on the ball-field for many seasons still to come.

PROFESSIONAL CLUB MANAGEMENT.

Year by year, only, and little by little the club managers of the day approach the point of a skillful running of their professional machines. It seems to require many costly lessons of experience to teach them to keep in the direct path to the goal of successful professional club management. It is hard to get out of the old ruts, but they are gradually moving on the right road, and by-and-by they will no doubt see their way clearly, and be able to avoid the bogs and quagmires they have so frequently floundered into in their journey towards a perfect knowledge of their business; for the running of a professional baseball team has become a regularly established business in the field of public amusement, just as much as the management of a circus or a theatrical establishment. The question for present discussion, in reviewing the work of the past professional baseball season—as has been our custom for several years past—is, What progress has been made during 1897? Looking at the inaugural season of the management of our home professional club, the strong point is its having been run in the interests of honest professional play. With this good foundation to build on, a good structure may be built up in the near future. With this brief reference to home-club management during the season of 1897, we now turn to what may be termed the outside-club business of the season, and our first attention will be given to the Chicago Club, whose appointed club captain runs the team with undivided control. Buffalo, too, profiting by the costly lessons of the past, has placed a club manager in the hands of a competent manager, and the result is seen in the club's position at the close of the pennant race—a creditable third in such a contest being a success not to be despised. For a first season in the League, Detroit did wonders. The Cleveland management was simply a house divided against itself, and the result was the failure of a team which contained first-class, but badly controlled material. The same may be said of the Providence, the brilliant rally made by the team of that club during the closing month of the season fully showing its innate strength, and the weakness of the early days of its management. Worcester was in the hands of a gentlemanly controller, but he was one unused to the mysterious ways of professionalism. Last in the list comes Troy, and here an experienced club-manager was hampered by "official officiousness," and interference at times when the effect was damaging to the field success of the team. But, as we said at the start, little by little each season is progress made in the professional arena in the way of improved management; and as time goes on some one or more will learn the business thoroughly, and the party who does so is bound to be at the head of the line.

THE CHICAGO COMBINATION played their farewell game in St. Louis, Mo., on Sunday, Nov. 6, when they gave the Browns an overwhelming defeat, the figures at the finish being 22 to 0. Dunlap and Gore led in batting, each getting four safe hits. The local papers are very severe in commenting on the alleged "hippodroming" of the League players in the preceding contests. The Chicago Club claims it has not forfeited its membership in the League, and states that their players were released before Sunday, Oct. 30, and consequently were at liberty to play on that day. The Chicago management, however, purposely ignores the important fact that the term of service of their players for this season did not expire until Tuesday, Nov. 1, 1897. The Chicago are booked to play Nov. 20 in New Orleans with the R. E. Leas.

RESERVED LEAGUE PLAYERS.—Clubs outside the League who desire the services of any of the League's reserved list of players can engage them by paying them enough salary. The reserve agreement only applies to League clubs who cannot engage a reserved League player, though any outside club can. The League claims that when they disband their teams they are to have any control of their players until the latter's term of service begins in the ensuing year, hence the freedom of action disbanding players of League teams avail themselves of during the winter interregnum.

THE ECLIPSE CLUB of Louisville, Ky., after defeating the St. Louis Browns by the respective scores of 10 to 4 and 13 to 0, visited New Orleans, La., where they played their first game Nov. 8, their opponents being the Lone Stars. The visitors secured an easy victory by 5 to 0. Taylor, late of the Cleveland, played well the visitors on this occasion, but will pitch hereafter for the Brennan Club of New Orleans. Carpenter, of this year's Worcester, also plays with the Brennan.

THE DENVER and RIO GRANDE CLUB of Colorado Springs, Col., expect to put in the field next year the best nine west of the Mississippi. All of this year's players, including several well-known Eastern professionals, will remain in Colorado Springs during the winter.

"THE INITIALS, A. Z." is a well-told story of modern life, written by the Baroness Tautphauser, and published by T. B. Peterson & Brothers, Philadelphia. Three-quarters of a dollar will buy a copy.

CHECKERS.

To Correspondents.
W. J. S., Deadwood.—If, in your Position No. 1, White exchanges instead of 8 to 12, can Black win?
C. Crawford, Hartford.—This is the last on the list.

Game No. 35, Vol. 29.
Played between our correspondent A. L. Oliver and Mr. Duran.

Black.	White.	Black.	White.
Mr. Duran.	Mr. Oliver.	Mr. Duran.	Mr. Oliver.
1. 11 to 15	23 to 19	15. 7 to 11	22 to 18
2. 8 to 11	22 to 17	16. 1 to 5	18 to 9
3. 4 to 8	17 to 13	17. 3 to 14	31 to 26
4. 10 to 18	24 to 20	18. 11 to 15	26 to 22
5. 11 to 15 (b)	26 to 21	19. 3 to 7	20 to 16
6. 8 to 11	20 to 16	20. 7 to 1	16 to 7
7. 18 to 22 (d)	25 to 21	21. 2 to 11	24 to 20
8. 15 to 22	30 to 26	22. 15 to 24	22 to 18
9. 11 to 15 (e)	26 to 17	23. 10 to 15	18 to 9
10. 15 to 22	28 to 14	24. 20 to (g)	3 to 6
11. 9 to 18	27 to 23	25. 12 to 16	5 to 10
12. 18 to 27	32 to 28	26. 15 to 19	2 to 10
13. 5 to 9	29 to 25	27. 19 to 24	10 to 15
14. 9 to 14	25 to 20		

NOTES FOR STUDENTS, BY THE EDITOR.
(a) 25 to 22 draws. See Barker's "American C. P." Var. 1.
(b) 9 to 14 draws. See above, Variation 2.
(c) 25 to 22 draws. See Variation 3. Up to this stage both players follow the trunk.
(d) 9 to 14 is given here for a draw.
(e) Black has an up-hill game from here to the finish.
(f) This wins.
(g) For what? Black is "beaten off."

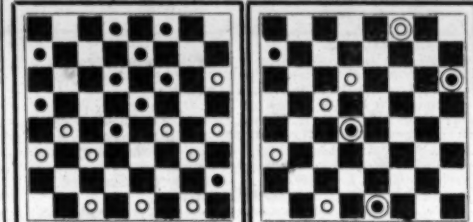
Solution of Position No. 65, Vol. 29.
BY THE EDITOR.

White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1. 9 to 6	1 to 10	3. 26 to 23	White wins.
2. 19 to 15	10 to 19		

SOLUTIONS OF POSITIONS 61 and 62 reserved.

Position No. 66, Vol. 29. Position No. 67, Vol. 29.
BY C. CRAWFORD. BY C. F. BARKER.

End-game. American Checker-player.
BLACK ("Friend.") BLACK.



WHITE (C. Crawford.) WHITE.
White to move and win. White to move and win.

CHESS.

To Correspondents.
H. E. AND J. BRETTMAN, Cincinnati.—You are cordially welcomed with your pretty contribution; you have been particularly misinformed—we gladly place all of our friends' correct favors before the chess world, but greatly prefer problems with moderate number of pieces, like yours, to those crowded.
I. D. J. S.—Can you conveniently send us a copy of that particularly well-published "Sicilian," recently mentioned?
L. G., Brooklyn.—Yes, verily! did we say send your problem right along; and for fear one alone be lonesome, add a companion. Will examine the solutions.
J. V. H., M. D.—Have sent your last to George himself.

CHESSES.—The great annual handicap of the City of London C. C. has commenced with sixty-four entries, of whom thirty-six belong to the famous "fighting fourth" class. The prizes are, for winners in the first round, £6, £4 10s., and £2; for losers in first round, £4 10s., £3, and £1 10s. Mr. Blackburne gave a brilliant and successful "blindfold" game of eight games, recently, at Mondet's Hotel. Dr. Zukertort has just contested twelve games at once "blindfold," in Leipzig, winning ten and losing two. We learn with sincere regret that the Ladies' College C. C. has been disbanded. Herbert J. Gladstone, M. P., the brilliant young son of England's great premier, has been elected president of the Leeds C. C.

OUR PROBLEM.—The completion of our thirteenth century in problematic age is a fitting time to recall the memory of a departed friend and contributor, whose memory must remain green with us while love and life remain. We accordingly give this week Theo. M. Brown's masterpiece for all time in situations in anywhere near its number of moves. As we draw the problem from the original autograph diagram, how vividly return the old days when this loving, faithful friend, contributor and master, was by our side!

Enigma No. 1,300.
From "Leeds Mercury" Suicide Tourney.
BY "WHAT'S THIS?"



Game No. 1,300.
Another gratifying brilliancy from Berlin.—Chess-players' Chronicle.

White.	Black.	White.	Black.
Tschigorin.	Riemann.	Tschigorin.	Riemann.
1. P to K4	P to K4	13. K R to Q3 (c)	K to B4
2. P K R3	P K R3	14. K R to Q3	K R to B4
3. K Kt-B3	K Kt-B3	15. K Kt to B2	K Kt to Kt3 (d)
4. P-Q R4	P-Q R4	16. Q-her B2	P-K Kt3 (d)
5. P-Q B3	P-Q B3	17. P K P P	K Kt to P
6. P-Q B3	P-Q B3	18. K R to Kt3	K R to Kt3
7. Castles	Qd P x P	19. Qd P x P	K R to Kt3
8. Q-her Kt3	K Kt3	20. K R to Kt3	K R to Kt3
9. P-K R4	P-K R4	21. K R to Kt3	K R to Kt3
10. P-K R4	P-K R4	22. K R to Kt3	K R to Kt3
11. Q-K R3 (a)	Castles?	23. Q-K R3	K Kt-Q3
12. Q-K R3 (b)	P-Q3	24. Q-K R3	K Kt-Q3

(a) Best. The tempting 12... Kt to Q5 is not so strong, as g. 12... Q Kt to Q5 K Kt to Q1 14... K R to P P B P P 15... K R to Kt3 16... Q-her B2 17... P K P P 18... K R to Kt3 19... Qd P x P 20... K R to Kt3 21... K R to Kt3 22... K R to Kt3 23... Q-K R3 24... Q-K R3 and wins.
(b) From this point Herr T's play is masterly.
(c) Either Kt to Q5 loses at least a pawn.
(d) Neat, though it is obvious Black dare not x Q. The whole game has been brilliantly managed by the Rux.

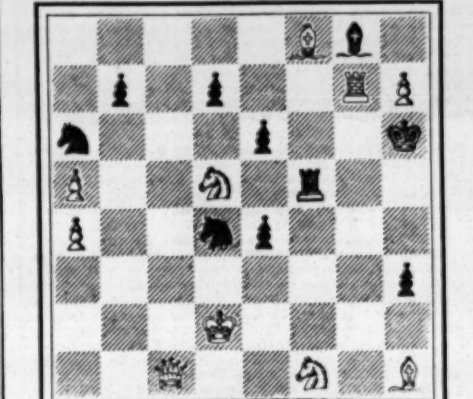
Once More the Russian.
KING'S KTS GAMBIT.

Tschigorin.	Dr. Schmid.	Tschigorin.	Dr. Schmid.
1. P to K4	P to K4	15. Q R to R6	Kt to Kt3 (d)
2. P-K R4	P-K R4	16. K R to B3	K R to Kt3
3. K Kt-B3	P-K R4	17. K R to B3	K R to Kt3
4. K R-B4	K R-B3	18. Q B x P	K R to B3
5. P-Q4	P-Q4	19. P K P P	K R to B3
6. Castles	P-K R3	20. Q-K R3	K R to B3
7. P-Q B3	K Kt-Kt3 (f)	21. Q-K R3	K R to B3
8. P-K Kt3	P-K Kt3	22. K R to B3	K R to B3
9. K Kt-R4	P-K R4	23. K R to B3	K R to B3
10. Q-K R3 (g)	P-K R4	24. P-K R4	K R to B3
11. Q-K R3	Q Kt-B3	25. K R to B3	K R to B3
12. P-K R3	Q Kt-B3	26. K R to B3	K R to B3
13. Q-her B3	Q Kt-B3	27. Q-K R3	K R to B3
14. Q-Kt Kt	P-K R4	28. Q-K R3	K R to B3

NOTES BY "Chess Monthly."
(f) Seems inferior to the usual 7... Q Kt to B3; and White promptly avails himself of the inferiority.
(g) The sacrifice of K Kt might fairly be ventured upon.
(h) Valuable time lost; P to K4, and if White reply Q to her 2, Kt to B4 would be right.
(i) Turns out to be much inferior to K to B3, which would have proved a very effective reply.
(j) Disastrous; P to B3 would have given a fair chance of resistance, if it did not avert defeat.
(k) Cutting off the escape of K to Q's side.
(l) Our readers will here recognize a solution of the beautiful end-game position given on diagram, Oct. 1, last.—Ed. CLIP.

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Problem No. 1,300.
"Seriously, I do not expect to live to ever see a better problem than this.—CHAS. PORTER."
BY THEO. M. BROWN.
BLACK.



White compels a mate in thirteen moves.

FOREIGN SHOW NEWS.

NEW PLAYS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

"Queen and Cardinal," a new and original poetical and historical play, in five acts, by Walter S. Raleigh, was produced at the Haymarket Theatre, London, Oct. 26, when Mrs. Scott-Siddons—who had leased the theatre—began a season. The Sunday Times says: "It is to be regretted that a well-meant attempt to supply original matter for our stage should prove a failure; but it is best to be candid and admit that under no circumstances—not even with the advantage of better representation—could 'Queen and Cardinal' hope to succeed. For it has that fatal fault which audiences never forgive—monotony and unrelieved dullness. Amidst so much that is flat, stale and unprofitable, it is no easy task to discover redeeming qualities, in either the writing or the acting. The words 'original and poetical' hardly apply to the language of the play; some few good lines there are, but they are lost in a flood of commonplace, and the impression left on the mind of the listener is that he has heard something very similar before; nor are the lines improved by the utterance of several of the performers. Then, unfortunately for Mr. Raleigh, Shakespeare had lived before him, and written 'Henry VIII.'"

"The Cape Mail," which had been acted in the Provinces, was played for the first time in London, Oct. 27, at the St. James Theatre, where it was opened for the season, the chief attraction being "Home." It contains but a single act, is a very clever adaptation by Clement Scott of the four-act French piece "Jeanne qui pleure et Jeanne qui rit," of which another version has been seen in Mr. Buckingham's two-act drama called "The Merry Widow." The piece is almost painfully sad, but affords opportunity for some very pathetic acting on the part of the young wife in her attempt by painful devices—necessitating the wearing of gay colors, the appearing in society, and the fabrication of supposed letters from her dead husband—to conceal from her blind mother-in-law the death of her idolized son in the war at the Cape; wisely, all ends brightly and happily.

"The Lovers of Palma," a play in three acts written for Miss Wallis by Ross Neil, was produced at the Theatre Royal, Edinburgh, Oct. 21. It had been played before under the title of "Paul and Virginia," but has since been reconstructed. The well-known story of Paul and Virginia forms the foundation of the first act only, the other two acts being entirely original. The tragic catastrophe of the tale has been replaced by a sequence of events that narrate the vicissitudes of severed love, its sublime faith and its triumph in the end. It achieved a success.

At the London Theatres.

"Luz" was revived at the six hundredth afternoon performance at the Bailey Theatre Oct. 22. "Out of the Hunt" had a short run at the Royal, having been withdrawn Oct. 31. "For Life" was revived 24, and "Pup" ("The Musical Marionettes") was put on. Lydia Thompson continues in "Nine Points of the Law." GEORGE RICHOLD was playing in Augustus Harris' role of Frank Darlington in "Youth" at Drury-lane Theatre. THE LAST NIGHTS OF "The Bronze Horse" at the Alhambra were announced Oct. 31. The theatre is shortly to be closed for the purpose of making alterations in the stage, and is to be reopened early in December with "The Black Crook." THE FANTOMIME to be produced at the Crystal Palace at Christmas will be founded on "The Babes in the Wood," and Paul Martinetti will be the star.

DRINKS IN THE THEATRES.—The *Entree* Act says: "There is little difference between the theatre and the music-hall in the matter of the refreshment business. You can sit in your stall at the very best of our theatres and order whatever beverage you may affect, from Roederer to bitter beer, and have it brought to you. And there is not the smallest probability that an opportunity of ordering will not be offered you, for the gentleman who has paid so much per annum to sit at a profit at the refreshment bars charges his waiters so abundantly for the privilege of attending to your requirements, and as these myrmidons live upon what they get from you, you are pretty certain to be liberally solicited. And as to the smoking phase—well, that is carried on so very near the auditorium that it might just as well be done in view of the audience. In fact, at one or more of our West-end houses you may see people smoking every night."

LAUREL IN THE THEATRES.—Acting to Crystal Palace audiences must be a hill work, says a London journal, and must be especially trying to those who have been accustomed to get a cordial reception. Some time ago J. L. Toole was talking to me on this subject, and among other things he said that he never knew, until he played at the Crystal Palace, what it was to come on the stage and not receive what he called half a dozen hands. "When I went on at the Palace," he went on, "the popular comedian, there was just one smuck. I couldn't understand it; I thought that one of my braces had broken!"

GENERAL GOSSIP.

BERNHARDT opened in Amsterdam, Holland, Oct. 25, in "Camille." H. O. Jarrett of London is her manager. EDGAR BRUCE has received from the Prince of Wales a handsome scarf-pin—an Oriental jewel surrounded by brilliant diamonds in remembrance of the production of "The Colonel" at Abberdeen Castle, and his company have given him an elegant watch.

"TAKEN FROM LIFE," a new and original drama by Henry Pettitt, with Charles Warner in the chief character, is to be the next attraction at the Adelphi Theatre, London. MRS. JEANNE MAY, the young Parisian ingenue, was recently married to a provincial actor. This young lady created quite a sensation some two years ago, upon the occasion of some slight aspersions having been cast on her character. She resorted to the extraordinary means for establishing her purity of undergoing medical examination by two doctors, from both of whom perfectly satisfactory certificates were handed in.

GIL NALL, who is identified with the part of Coupeau in "L'Assommoir," has resumed the management of the Theatre Moliere, Brussels, which he built and quitted under somewhat romantic circumstances eleven years ago. He went to Paris to engage a company; but being a Frenchman, was obliged to stay and aid in the defense of the capital. FUN AHEAD.—Gertrude Irving, who has been accused of plagiarizing "Baffled" from "Two Nights in Rome," writes a letter to *The Era*, from which we extract this: "I shall sail for Liverpool for New York next month, and while in that city shall endeavor to convince A. C. Gunter that 'Baffled' is not the mutilated article he would have you believe." "RICHARD III." SEEN FROM A SHOWER-BATH.—During the performance of this tragedy at the Theatre Royal, Cambridge, Oct. 22, the audience had a chance of seeing it from a shower-bath. As two men were taking their places in the gallery the flooring gave way, and the feet of the men came in contact with the waterpipe that supplies the gallery hose with water, and it broke. Immediately a stream of water rose in the form of a fountain several feet high, and drenched to the skin the majority of the "gods." The water at length found its way to the dress-circle and pit, causing quite a stampede among the occupants.

SEVERAL MEMBERS OF A DRAMATIC COMPANY DROWNED.—A company of eleven persons sailed from England Oct. 18 in

the steamship *Clan Macduff* for Bombay, India. The vessel foundered in a gale 19; a portion of the troupe who had taken to one of the boats were picked up by a passing steamer twenty hours later, and carried back to England. The company included Mr. and Mrs. Mear (Kate Thoburn), Miss Dore, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Miss Ada Lester, Miss Akhurst, Miss Lizzie Hayes, J. S. Hewitt, Drowned: Ada Lester, Miss Akhurst, Lizzie Hayes, John S. Hewitt and Mr. and Mrs. Turner.

STANLEY DUST, who came to America with Robert Heller, is now the manager of the Theatre Royal, Great Grimsby, Eng., Walter Seale being the lessee.

A GROSS ELABORATION.—The New York correspondent of *The Era* says that the receipts of the Booth-Turner matinee benefit for the Michigan sufferers in Booth's Theatre, Oct. 14, were £2,500 (about \$31,000). The gross receipts were \$3,572, and realized for the fund \$3,075.34.

MISS BRADON is writing a play for the St. James Theatre, London.

MUSICAL.

"CLAUDE DUVAL" was withdrawn at the Olympia Theatre, London, Oct. 29. An amended version is to be produced in America.

THE COVENT-GARDEN PROMENADE CONCERTS were to have closed Nov. 5.

HERR ANGELO NEUMANN, director of the Stadt Theatre in Leipzig, had arrived in London, with his stage-manager, to make preparations at Her Majesty's Theatre for the forthcoming production of Richard Wagner's "Nietzsche" in May next.

MADAME ALBANI will sign in December at the Royal Opera of Berlin.

Mlle. MARIE VAN ZANDT, after many postponements, made her return at the Opera Comique, Paris, Oct. 21, in "Dinorah." Mlle. Van Zandt, in returning from Copenhagen, where she appears to have made an enormous success, came in for a storm at sea, and the result of being drenched with salt water was a severe attack of bronchitis. Her return was a triumph. Her rendering of the shadow-song was interrupted by the enthusiastic applause of an audience usually frigid, and at the end of it she was recalled three times. We hear that her next character will be Cherubino in "Nozze di Figaro," a part she has already played at Copenhagen, and that before the end of the season she will appear as the heroine of an opera which Mr. Delibes is writing expressly for her.

PARALYZED.—Many will hear with regret of the serious illness of Victor Masse, the composer of Paul and Virginia, and many other operas, who has been so paralyzed, it is feared hopelessly, that all movement of the body is impossible. But, in spite of his acute sufferings, such is his love for his art, that he daily continues working at the new score of "Cleopatra."

EUGENE FRANCIS CHARLES D'ALBERT, a lad of seventeen, a son of the well-known London dance-music conductor, is said to have astonished musicians and critics alike by a recent composition, a piano-forte concerto in A, which he played at a Richter concert in London, Oct. 26. The young composer is looked upon as a genius, and the leading journals are loud in praising his originality, thought and mastery of the details of orchestration.

NEGRO MINSTRELSY.

HATFIELD'S COLORED MINSTRELS were to have closed in Her Majesty's Theatre, London, Nov. 5, and to have opened a season of four weeks in the Standard Theatre 7.

THEATRICAL RECORD.

Movements, Business and Incidents of the Theatrical, Circus, Musical and Minstrel Professions.

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Blake, George	French, Nina	Northwood, Marian L.
Buckingham, Fannie	Gibbons, Mrs. Phil	Oliver, Joseph
Louise	Gordon, Louise	Naah, Helen
Belmont, Mrs. Kittie	Gordon, Madam Dora	Nichols, Mollie (vocalist)
Claivelle, Emma L.	Girling, Nellie (ballet)	Plummer, Fannie
Cassell, Mrs. Fannie	Girling, Nellie (ballet)	Penty, Mrs. Annie
Caine, Mrs. Geo. R.	Gilmore, Maudie	Robinson, Eva
Cole, Prudie (of Only a Farmer's Daughter Co.)	Gilmore, Alice	Robins, Madam
Cooper, Miss H. F.	Gilmore, Alice	Roper, Mrs. Jennie
Curanda, Mrs. J. G.	Gilmore, Alice	Rayland, Madam
Cline, Maggie	Gilmore, Alice	Steward, Lillie F.
Cleveland, Mrs. Bessie	Gilmore, Alice	Seigrist, Mrs. Sarah
Cardigan, Cora	Gilmore, Alice	Sweeney, Mrs. W. P.
Carson, Eliza	Gilmore, Alice	Stearns, L. Minnie (of Loftus Co.)
Crawford, Mrs. A.	Gilmore, Alice	Sutton, Alice
Carborne, Mrs.	Gilmore, Alice	Siddons, Ida (skipping rope)
Dillon, Adolphine	Gilmore, Alice	Sinclair, Mrs. (vocalist)
Sadie	Gilmore, Alice	Smith, Mollie (p. g.)
Duncan, Pearl	Gilmore, Alice	Turner, Mrs. J. L.
Deary Sisters	Gilmore, Alice	Vivian, Belle
Dumont, Bessie (vocalist)	Gilmore, Alice	Vadera, Henrietta
Edselle, Alice	Gilmore, Alice	Vivian, Belle
Frey, Mrs. Florence	Gilmore, Alice	Walker, Mollie
Forrest, Lottie	Gilmore, Alice	Wade, Lottia
Farron, Mrs. T. J. C.	Gilmore, Alice	Western, Lillie
Forrest, Nola	Gilmore, Alice	Wilson, Emily
Fowler, Jennie	Gilmore, Alice	Wilson, Carrie
		Weston, Flora (vocalist)
GENTLEMEN'S LIST.		
Ashton, F. (of Barnum & Co.'s Circus)	Dooley & Tenbrook	Herbert Brothers
Aubrey, Robert (2)	Durand, Samwells	Halestead, W.
"Amateur Stage Manager"	Watrigan	Hale, Charles (English post-mark) etc.
Allen, (late of Mason & Morgan Co.)	Deola, Charles	Henderson, J. (off-Henderson)
Aldrich, Frank	Dodsworth, Harvey	Harris, John (of Gardner & Magee's Co.)
Arnold, W. B. (2)	Duryea, Peter	Harris, John (of Gardner & Magee's Co.)
A. K. S.	Donohue, J. (of Barnum & Co.'s Circus)	Hare, E. C.
Allen, Joe & Mrs.	Donohue, J. (of Barnum & Co.'s Circus)	Hilliard, Daniel P.
Arlington, George	Douglas, Red	Hicksbury, Sam
Arthur, Joe	Dinges, John A.	Hicks, Charles
Braziers, The	Dineen, M. J.	Hill, Emily
Bentley, Charles E.	Drilling, Charles	Hobbs, John
Beggs, Mona E.	Dalton, F. (of Eviction Co.)	Howard, John
Bieker, Sylvester	Davidson, J. W.	Heiser, Randolph
Barlow, Wilson, Primrose & West	Davis, Charles L. (manager)	Hertz, Carl
Barbour, Thomas	Devereux, William	Hess, Thomas (ad value-ance)
Burgess, Geo.	Devereux, William	Harrington, J. (of Sullivan & Harrington)
Berger, F. (of Berger Family)	Diamond, Charles	Harrington, J.
Bellevue, K. (Patt's manager)	Davenport, G. (of Forepaugh's Circus)	Harris, Eugene H.
Belmont, Charles	Dunham, John	Harrison, George A.
Blackwood, H. J.	Davies, E. D. (ventriloquist)	Haywood, Thomas
Bernard, Joseph	Darwin, Henry	Harriet, H. C.
Bennett, Charles E.	Deane, J. (of Jefferson wards & Bernard)	Jaquet, J. P.
Butter & Mackie	Edwards, J. (of Jefferson wards & Bernard)	Johnson, James T.
Barton, (manager, Connor's Co.)	Emmet, Charles E.	Kauf, John L.
Brown, F. (of Barnum & Co.'s Circus)	Ellis, G. (Australian)	Kauf, John L.
Barnum, P. T.	Fox, D. H.	Knapp, H.
Bolton, Frank	Kilworth, George	Knapp, H. ("Old")
Barry, Tom (clown)	Fertis, T. (of Barnum & Co.'s Circus)	John Robinson (Agent)
Binney & Fraire	Fertis, T. (of Barnum & Co.'s Circus)	Kelly, (of Kelly & O'Brien)
Barton, W. (Agent, Verre's Co.)	Fox, D. H.	Kennedy, Harry
Bassett, Charles M.	Fenton, John C. (2)	Kurtz, Oscar H. (2)
Benton, Charles	Fitz, Jr., E. B.	Kelly, George W.
Bye, C. (of McIntyre & Head Music)	Frew, Chas.	Kelly, Joseph A.
Battcher & Doria	Fairweather, F. H.	Kline, Douglas G.
Bursley, J. W.	Foster & Hughes	King, Thos. A. (calliope)
Baker & Farron	Foster, J. (of "The Town's Agent")	Lang, Sam
Barnie, William	Field, A. G. (clown)	Leontis, Mary (of Leontis & Co. Show)
Bryan, Al (business manager)	Field, A. G. (clown)	Larose, Harry
Barretto, Theodore	Francis, Gilford Brothers	Lotto, Fred
Cole, Lew	Gallagher & Reynolds	Lewis, James
Clark, Frank R.	Gilbert, J. (of Barnum & Co.'s Circus)	Lorens, J. C.
Chatter, R. (manager)	Gorman, M. J.	Lindsay, Ed.
Chatter, R. (manager)	Gregory Brothers	Luby, C. (of Shelby & Co. Circus)
Connolly, Charles (auditor)	Greene, Chas. H.	Lyons, Fred
Coup, C. W.	Greene, Chas. H.	Long, T. B.
Clark, The	Green, J. D.	Long, T. B. (of Barnum & Co.'s Circus)
Cusack, J. (of Pallas & Chappell)	Gentry, J. (of Eviction Co.)	Livingstone, Frank
Cassell, John	Gentry, J. (of Eviction Co.)	LaDrew, Paul
Chair, Frank J.	Gentry, J. (of Eviction Co.)	LaDrew, Paul
Crawford, A. (of Comique, Cairo, Ill.)	Gentry, J. (of Eviction Co.)	LaFleur, Frank
Cordion, William	Gentry, J. (of Eviction Co.)	Leonard, A. I.
Carnes, W. C.	Gentry, J. (of Eviction Co.)	Monroe, Frank (late of Comique)
Cardon & Carey	Gentry, J. (of Eviction Co.)	Monroe, Harry
Cranford, J. (of Pullman F. Co.)	Gentry, J. (of Eviction Co.)	Miley, Jake
Craig, W. C.	Gentry, J. (of Eviction Co.)	Manning, John L.
Colville, Samuel	Gentry, J. (of Eviction Co.)	Manning, John L.
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Nagoe, Clem C.
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Mills, Allison M.
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McGraw, F. W.
McGraw, E. M.
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McKroy, R. (of Phillips & Frindle)
McNish, Frank B.
Macomber, Vere
Richmond
Morris, Albert
Melrose, Frank
Miller, Burt
Millard, J.
Mack, W. (of Guyer & Mack)
McCarthy, C. (of Forrester's Circus)
Mott, Rudolph

Nash, John
Norman, Capt. Fred
Norris, W. F.
Nelson, Charles H.
Nelson, Frank
Nash, Dan
Nathana, Philo E.
Noyes, Ernest
Nield, Charles
O'Gorman, Richard
Orrin Brothers
O'Dale, William
Organ, William
Peasley, Tom
Phillips, J. (of Phillips & Frindle)
Prindle, Johnny
Percy, Phil
Pearl, C. G.
Pauzy, Frank W.
Phillips, John
Power, John W.
Raymond, John T.
Reed, Chas. (composer)
Robinson, O. S.
Round, A. M.
Rouds, R.
White, S. T. E.

Shea, John (violinist)
Seaver, Frank L.
Smith, Nell
Selbini, J.
Stowe, Will H.
Schoolcraft, Lake
"S. A." (S)
Stetson, E. T.
Stearle, Edmund
Stearle, Charles
Sully, Dan
Sharpley, William
Scott & Ross
Shaffer's Bell-Ringers
Stalla, Charles T.
The Four Shamrocks
Temple, Carl
Tinkham, E. A.
Thorne, J. V.
Trevolia, John H.
Varney & De Bar
Vanderbilt, Frank
Victorelli, H.
Weaver, Add
Whitford, George W.
Wilcox, Rambo E.
Ward, W. H. (of Fox & Ward)
White, S. T. E.

For letters received on Tuesday see another page.

MAKE ME A SONG.

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Andante sostenuto.

1. Out of the si - lence
2. Out of the still - ness

make me a song, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful, sad, and soft, and low; Out of the
in your heart, A thou - sand, thou - sand songs are sleep - ing there; Out of the

si - lence make me a song, Beau - ti - ful, sad, and soft, and low;...
still - ness in... your heart, A thou - sand songs are sleep - ing there;...

Let the love-li-est mu - sic sound a - long, And wing each note with a wall of
O make me but one, thou child of art, The song of hope, in a last de-

woe, a wall of woe. Dim and drear, As hope's last tear, As hope's last
spair, in a last de - spair, Dark and low, A chant of woe, A chant of

tear. Out of the si - lence make me a hymn, Whose sounds are shadows,
woe. Out of the still - ness, tone by... tone, Soft as a snow flake,

shad - ows soft and dim...
wild... as a moan...

INTRODUCTORY.

TUESDAY, NOV. 18, '81.

Since last we held you in thrall by the brilliant outpourings of our fertile reservoir, we have accomplished many wonderful things, and that, too, without showing up the worst passions of bad men, or revolutionizing the stolid idiosyncrasies of a people who continue to maintain their cherished relations with all the world and the rest of mankind. We have quietly passed through another trying ordeal at the polls, and with the simple ballot have turned the city and the State all topsyturvy. We have put in office men who have never before had the opportunity afforded them of showing how our political affairs should be conducted, and we have plucked the laurels from the high-mettled brows of those who held positions of honor and trust, and whistled them down the winds, as it were; and all without so much as a little ward fight, for the canine dispute between Big and Gipsy, which helped to give color to the close of a New York canvass, was no more in the interest of political heifers and half-soulers, but the outcome of a debate between rival sports of New York and Fall River. [Psalms.]—The New York dog won, leaving the adversary dead in the arena. And then we encountered Patti, the ten-dollar singer, first appearance since her return from Europe, etc. But she fell "correctly," like the Western Union Telegraph ball at high noon. "Our Jim" was there in a hired evening dress and a plug hat, but he was not comfortable on the floor of the house, and longed to be in his own lofty place at Tony Pastor's. He says he "would sooner hear Lillian Russell a hundred times than to listen to Mrs. Corks once." He deeply regrets that the money somebody paid for the ticket which admitted him to the show wasn't given to him in hand, so that he could put it where it would do the most good. He says that "Patti gives the thrill like a small bird, but Lillian can 'shake her' for the beverage and lay her out stark and cold. The jolly Corks is nowhere alongside of the fascinating and exuberant Lil." He afterwards helped to serenade Adelina, round on the Twenty-third street side of the Fifth-avenue Hotel, with a German band, but the affair lacked soul, and the free blow may be set down as a signal failure. And now that Adelina Patti has finally made her appearance in concert, before a New York audience, it remains to be seen whether her much-talked-about engagement will prove a success or not. High notes have always been said to be one of Patti's strong holds, but it may be that a ten-dollar bill or something approaching that altitude will prove too high a note to be worked off to the best advantage. After this long absence, it would be strange, indeed, if the distinguished prima-donna's presence did not inspire our humble muse, and herewith we present a few

REFLECTIONS ABOUT PATTI.

Will they patronize fair Patti
As they did in other days?
Will she seem as neat and natty
As when first she won our praise?
Will they cheer her in the case
Gory of successful stars,
And still sing in highly laudatory
Tory measures of her bars?
Or will they say: "O, Adelina,
Sweet soprano, though you be,
We really cannot give a tenor"
For the sake of hearing these?
For, though you may excel all others,
To sell a ticket for an X
Extinguishes our zeal and smother
Exchequer, not well stocked with checks!
So, while we hold your mem'ry tender,
We cannot tender you a ten
But—hoping it will not offend her—
This bit of good advice we pen:
If you would strike the streak that's fatty
Put down the price, O, fair Patti!
And just to add a line or so
To Adelina then we'll go."

* Observe the tender allusion here to the tenor. It is a little gem in itself.

* Bear in mind, if you please, that the above is all included in inverted commas. Of course we should go, anyway, whether the tickets were ten dollars or a corner lot. It is perfectly immaterial to us so long as the agents send complimentary tickets. It is only for the other hearts that may bleed that we are concerned.

..... Another sensation of the period is the opening of Signor C. Backusini and Signora Billybirchiani in a series of Shakespearean delineations. To give due credit to the occasion, we hired an intellectual young man to devote all his spare time and energies to a classical report of the proceedings. He took in "Hamlet," and appended is his impartial record:

This city is going wild over Shakespeare. There is scarcely a single theatre in the metropolis that has not its own tragedian and supporting company. Last Monday night Signor C. Backusini and Signora Billybirchiani essayed the trying roles of Hamlet and Ophelia, in the celebrated melodrama entitled "Hamlet," which was brought into public notice some years ago by an actor named Kirby, him of undying fame. "Hamlet" is supposed to have been written by one W. Shakespeare and composed by Junius Brutus Booth, a son of Theatricals who died several years ago on one of the Western steamboats. Sig. Backusini and Signora Billybirchiani, who essayed the time-honored characters of Hamlet and Ophelia at the San Francisco opera-house, are evidently colored people of considerable dramatic culture, although they have a great deal yet to learn before they can take rank with such stars as Jack Adams, Nancy Hayes, and other ornaments of the stage. Hamlet is a melancholy sort of young man, if we have read the book correctly, and he is not averse to being a trifle unsound in his mind. Sig. Backusini, however, does not take this view of the part, but, on the contrary, months and howls around the stage like a soap-bubble man in the pursuit of hickory sticks. In the scene where Hamlet rushes upon the stage, exclaiming "A horse! A horse! My kingdom for a horse!" Backusini is simply grand. In the scene where he confronts the senate, and declares that "mortal reprobation begins with man; protest, groans and reverend sighs," he is not averse to the words drop from his lips like pearls of molten lava. Those two are his greatest scenes; and, like Patrick Henry, he makes the most of them. But when he attempts to depict the leader's emotion, he is away off, and falls completely—the divine afflatus is missing, and in its stead we see nothing but a sordid soul writhing, so to speak, in the folds of a huge ascotuche. In the delightful flower scene, where the fair Ophelia distributes buttonhole bouquets and other fragrant mementos, giving to each one a sprig of geranium or white rose, etc., and where she offers Laertes a sprig of rosemary, with the incidental remark:

There's rosemary; that's for remembrance;

Pray, love, remember;

her touching pathos stills the house as if a thunderbolt had descended upon the scene, leaving Signora Billybirchiani in a most pitiful situation. This is true, heartily acting. It is at this important epoch that the Signor shows his incompetency for the fitness of things; for, suddenly coming upon the scene, and witnessing the upward spiral of the flower-girl, he goes up to her like the jealous Moor that he is, and in a voice husky with envy and resonant as the clanging of a fire-bell, he says to her, loud enough for the people in the remotest part of the house to hear:

"Get thee to a nunnery!"

He lost more votes by that suicidal remark than he can ever hope to regain. It is here that the gentleness and submission of the young girl loom up in striking contrast with the leader's emotion; and, as a prominent reporter says, "here it is that Billybirchiani is strong in those noble emotions which make the world kin. But we have neither the space nor the time to point out the merits and the defects of these colored artists. Signor Backusini is yet in the prime of life—in his chicken-salad days—at a time when, like Mr. Filmer in the play of "Progress," to climb the dizzy heights that lead to fame requires a stout heart and level head. He should subdue his tongue to a bit of discretion, and strive to emulate the bright example of those who have gone before. Signora Billybirchiani leaves nothing to be desired. She looks and acts Ophelia like a thing of life, and games in her cheeks as if the world no longer possessed any charms for her. O ye tears, they scorch (see soul).

..... In bidding adieu to the operatic stage of Paris, as she is about to do, Marie Basse, so rumor puts it, is to wed a certain wealthy gentleman named Leicester. We are extremely glad to hear this—not that we know Mr. Leicester, nor, for that matter, are we personally acquainted with Marie—but because the announcement enables us to get off one of our neat little pyrotechnics of wit, to wit:

Those who know nothing of French, alas,
May possibly call this lady Basse;
But we beg to say that, to the French lazzie,
Such a pronoun is a capital mistake.

To get it right you'll call it, of course,
Nothing more nor less than Basse.

And when compounded, 'tis perfectly clear
To those who will be the Leicestershire.

..... Even Satan is offering his services through our advertising department to those in need of fire funds. An experienced demon like Satan may save the boys a good deal of trouble in the bright hereafter if they engage him to coach them. (This is not the real Satan, but a man who understands all about fire, under which he stands unharmed while his attendants pile burning fagots around and about him.) Because the proprietor of a sea-cow have a sort of variety entertainment in Philadelphia which several storekeepers complained of, the sea-cow and its owner were brought before the Grand Jury, who at once ignored the bill and the cow, and let 'em go; whereupon the combination brought suit against one of the persecutors for damages. The cow man had a host of witnesses who testified as to the moral character of the show, even ministers of the gospel going to view the cow and other curiosities. Sea-cows have rights which are not to be ignored, and we are glad to find one showman at least bold enough to stand up in his own defense against a horde of money-making storekeepers. President Arthur has closed his circus and menagerie in this city, and the entire concern has gone into Winter-quarters at Washington. Manager Daly's "Passing Regiment" has no connection with the dead-end brigades of free passes. Cut this out and paste it on your sleeve for doors (and their keepers) to peck at. Robson and Crane did "Sharpe and Flats" at the Fifth-avenue Theatre, last week. [No, Joaze; this has no reference to their audience, but to their play of that name.] Fail not to take in the Elks benefit at the Academy of Music, Nov. 17. So much for

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

QUESTIONS THAT DO NOT REACH THIS OFFICE UNTIL TUESDAY MORNING WILL NOT BE ANSWERED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

N. R., Boston.—1. When we last made a comparison of the seating capacity of the leading theatres here, the study which is now the Windsor, was capable of outdoing any other theatre in the country. 2. There are no data as to stages, which, like seating capacities, are constantly undergoing change, the tendency now being towards smaller stages. For example, it is useless to say that the Thalia Theatre has the largest stage in the country because the Bowery Theatre once had. The Bowery has become the Thalia, and the space is still there; but, as the whole of it is no longer used for a stage, there is no reason in calling the whole of it the stage. It has been so with Booth's and many another theatre. Change of management means change of many things, and Boucault enlarged the stage at Bowery by running it forward, while Seton has shortened it. Some new manager can lengthen it again, but we cannot keep track of shifts like these all over the country just because people will ask questions that to them seem simple to answer.

C. B., Cleveland.—There are thousands of girls desirous of going upon the stage every week, and yet there is but one vacancy every month. We cannot aid the two-thousandth part of them, except to advise them to give up the idea of a theatrical life. If you can bring influence to bear upon some manager to induce him to give you a minor place, whence you can show talent, rise gradually and slowly, well and good. There is no royal road to becoming an actor unless you have money or influence, and either or both can scarcely make more than a bad actor. As a rule, entering dramatic schools is time wasted. The true training-place for those who intend to go upon the stage is the stage itself. A portion of this answer is intended for "M. E., New Haven," rather than for yourself.

HARLEM.—If there has been any dispute, please state it. To settle it, it cannot be necessary for us to go to the trouble of getting the seating capacity of a half-dozen theatres. Along, too, comes "A. T. Z., Chicago," who is answered here, and tells us that he has "made a bet as to the seating capacity of the sixteen largest theatres in the United States, and it is left to us to decide it." He does not state the bet, and he supposes we are going to collect snow figures as to the seating capacity of three or four hundred houses, and the figures are constantly undergoing change, so as to let him know which sixteen will hold the most. It would take us months to get the figures, and before we got through some would be incorrect because of changes made meanwhile.

P. N. D., Toronto.—1. It is next to impossible to say with any certainty what the first manager to give an election-day matinee in Brooklyn, N. Y., was. It is quite probable that it was at a variety house that it was first given, and it might have been at some short-lived hall devoted to that line of business. 2. There was a matinee given on election-day, Nov. 2, 1875, at Col. Rinn's New Park Theatre, then a variety house. Our files do not make mention of this as having been the first in that city on election-day, however, and on the other hand, there is no mention therein of any having been given in 1874, when the Park was a regular dramatic theatre, and the variety houses were the Olympic Theatre and Columbian Hall.

C. R., St. Louis.—The answer that we shall make you is the one that we deem to be to your best interests, and it will cover all your queries. Don't figure upon walking a slack wire on strictly scientific principles, by which we mean in accordance with the theatrical rules. Consult a professional of experience. During the winter months you can come across a number of circus-performers in your city. There is no necessity for you even to order slippers from this city. You can have them made to fit and otherwise suit in St. Louis.

T. H. McN., Willimantic.—1. Lizzie Mahon and Josie Bailey are still before the public every little while. 2. The former some months ago went to California to nurse her invalid husband, M. V. Lingham. 3. We presume you mean Padgett. 4. We do not give the addresses of professional, more especially ladies. You can write them in care of THE CLIPPER Post-office, we shall gratuitously advertise that we have the letters, and the parties for whom you intend them will probably send for them.

W. C. & L. L., West Point.—1. No answers by mail. 2. We have to decline, also, to furnish the routes of troupes or the addresses of professionals. It is the function of one of the theatres in the city that there was no need for you to write us for the whereabouts of Forrester's Circus, for their route ahead up to the close of last week was given in the circus columns of THE CLIPPER of Nov. 12. Whatever information we may have as to their future movements will likewise appear in our circus columns.

W. H. J., U. S. S. Minnesota.—You should have stated the bet. We cannot be sure as to what you mean when you ask us to tell you, to make a bet, "by whom the play of 'The Two Orphans' was first produced in America." Had you stated the bet, we should not be in doubt, probably. Under that name, "The Two Orphans" was first played in America at the Union-square Theatre, this city. Perhaps this will answer your purpose.

KEOKUK.—The ages of professionals, more particularly females, we regard as no concern of ours, and we must decline to give them. We are not much more likely to be accurately informed as to the ages of lady professionals than you are as to the real ages of your lady acquaintances, and in answering we might unwittingly deceive you.

G. W. R.—1. As matter of exact fact, the Yokos Family never appeared at Niblo's Garden, this city, in "The Babes in the Wood." 2. There have been several places, and of differing kinds, with this title. 3. The Yokoses appeared at Niblo's in 1873 in E. L. Blanchard's pantomime, "The Children in the Wood," which is possibly what you are in quest of.

C. B., Ridgton.—1. The letter has already been claimed. 2. You can get a copy of the drama of "The Drunkard," which was first produced not far from forty years ago—and which the editor was induced to write by the fact that it was written by a New Hampshire doctor—by addressing Ed. James, as in his advertisement in another column.

TRACED.—1. Frederick Paulding is the youngest actor by at least hundreds who has played Richard III and Hamlet. 2. When you saw Edwin Adams at that Ford's Theatre he was about thirty-two years of age. 3. He died Oct. 28, 1877, and was then about forty-four years old.

J. T. C.—As far as we have been able to search our files, we have been unable to find that Rickey and Barney played in "Taking the Pledge" at the Theatre Comique, this city. Before going farther, may we ask if you have not confounded it with "Bad Whiskey," which they played all over the country for years?

CONSTANT READER, Cleveland.—In this column we do not give addresses or whereabouts of performers, as a rule, unless the parties acquired about one out of ten are our best friends, and we cannot assume you will find this week an advertisement from Den Howe that gives particulars as to his whereabouts.

NO SIGNATURE, Chicago.—1. You can address Charles Reade, the English novelist, through The Rev. London, Eng. We cannot give addresses. 2. We do not care to intrude upon the domestic lives of professionals so far as to make public the fact that they are married, unless they themselves make it public.

C. B., Cleveland.—If you cannot address him through THE CLIPPER Post-office, as designed for persons who do not know the whereabouts of those they wish to address, watch our dramatic columns from week to week for the movements of the troupe he is with.

S. L. R., Wheeling.—1. There has been a play called "Shorty" in the show business. 2. We cannot undertake to verify printed stories about professionals or alleged professionals—especially stories that we may have seen, but have never read.

A. M. C.—1. Address J. S. Knight, care of Oliver Dutton & Co., Boston, Mass. 2. L. C. Wegfarth, care of this office. 3. Do not know Geo. W. Howard's whereabouts—that is, the vocalist.

Y. V. A., Philadelphia.—1. Ernest Linden is yet in the business. 2. When we last heard from him, a short time ago, he was with Moore & Burgess' Minstrels, London, Eng.

Mrs. J. V. T., Concord.—As you do not know whether she is singer or actress, and as we have never heard of that name, which fact suggests that it is not her professional one, we cannot aid you.

E. P., San Francisco.—1. It all depends upon what branch of the minstrel profession you purpose following. 2. If end business, by all means get points from some experienced professional.

J. J. B.—1. J. K. Emmet was born in St. Louis. 2. We should suppose that a person with that name would more or less remotely be of Irish descent. 3. J. K. Emmet is not German—"dot settles dot."

E. E. T., Lewiston.—It is a matter of opinion who makes the best banjos; and we would not express ours even to decide a bet that had been stated, and you have not stated what your bet is.

H. Flint.—If you were to advertise in our business columns for such an opening, it might come to you.

PROF. H. C., East Douglas.—Caseneuve is the surname of the French magician who was here five or six years ago.

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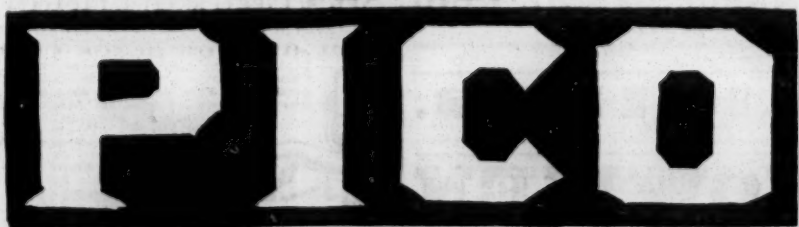
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